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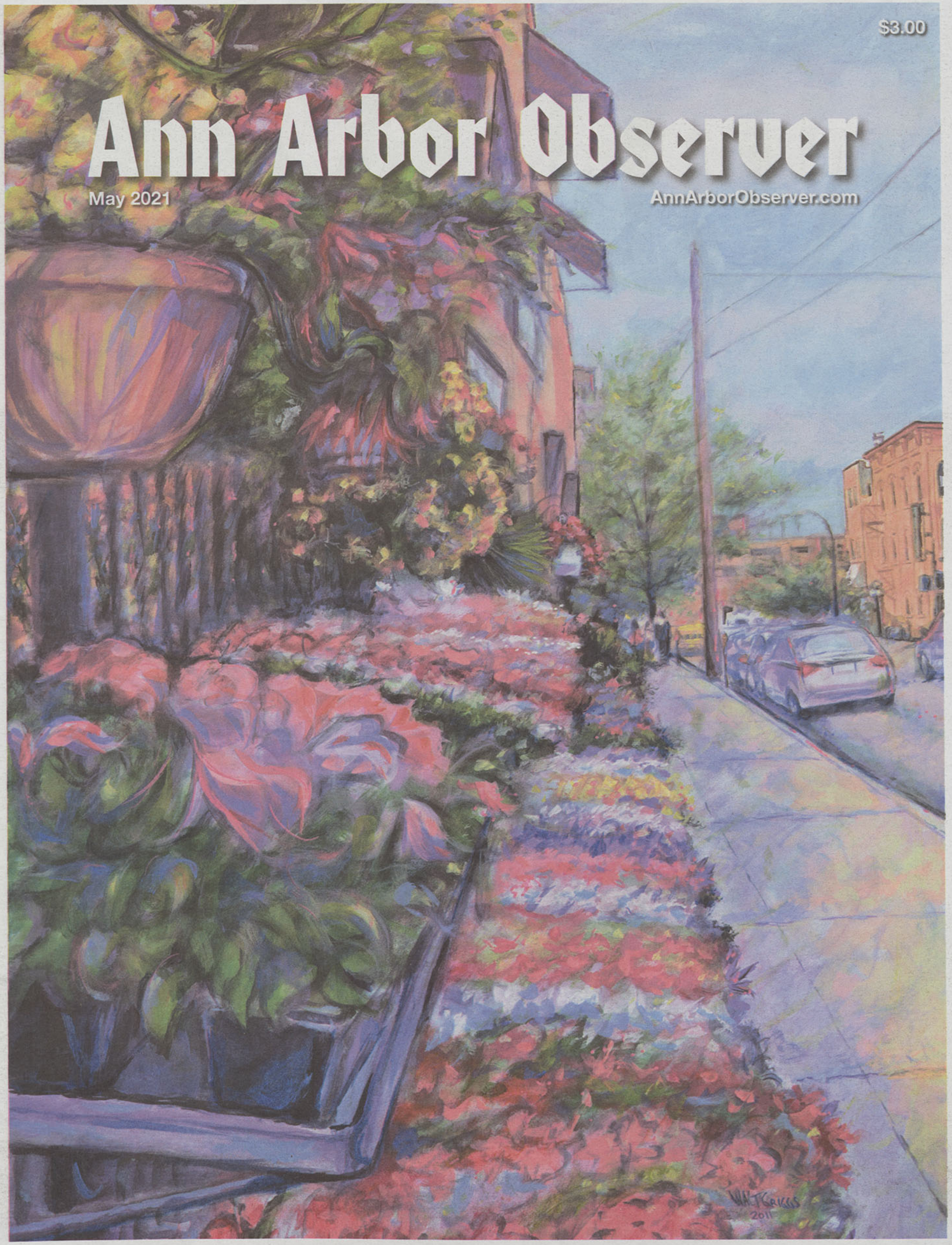

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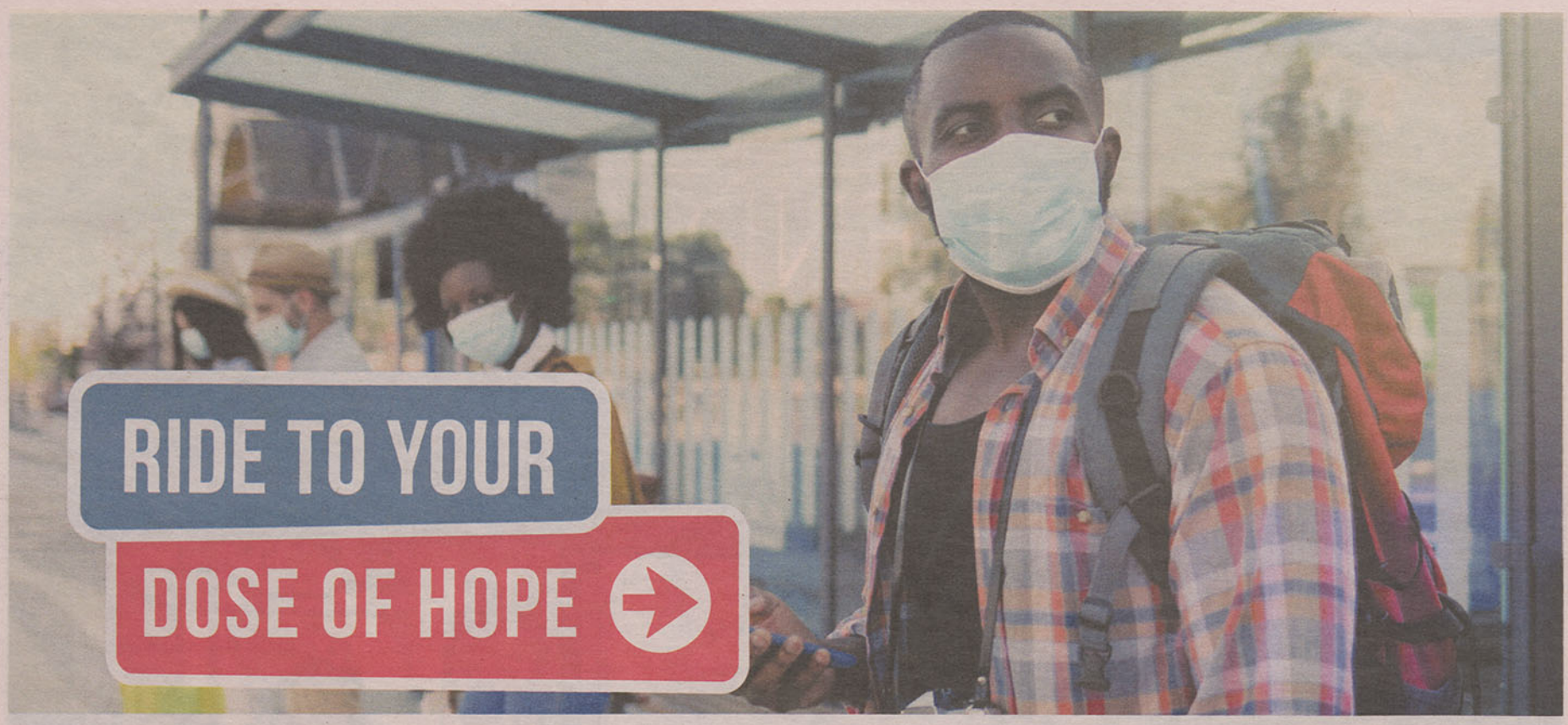

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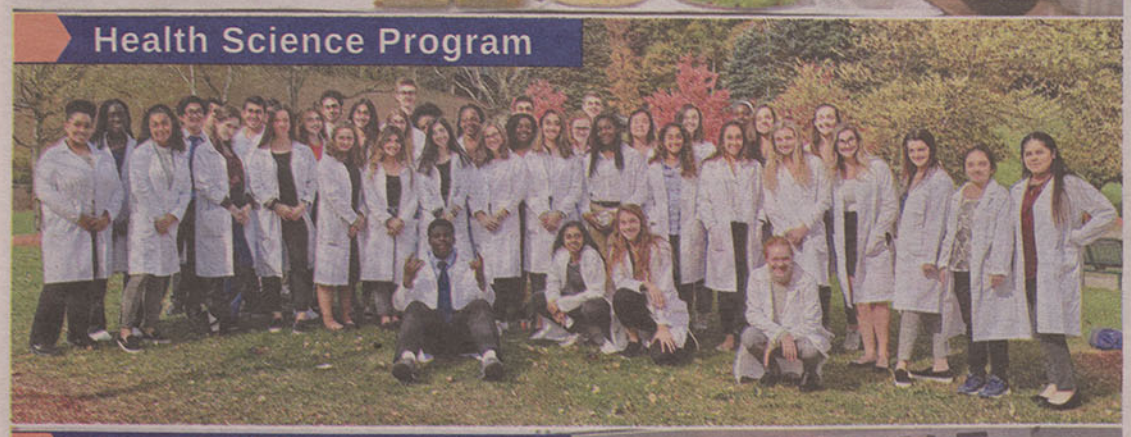

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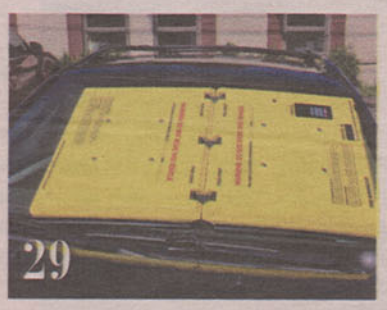

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Phantom assaults: "I got a call today from an irate citizen talking about the three sexual assaults in one place," says Ann Arbor police chief Mike Cox. The Observer's April Crime Map showed twelve sexual assaults in February—compared to four in February 2020—including three in Ann Arbor Hills.

No, there's not a serial rapist at large. Lt. Bonnie Theil, commander of the AAPD's detective bureau, explains that three reports were "from other jurisdictions that have an Ann Arbor zip code." Of the rest, "only two of them actually occurred during the month of February."

Why were the numbers so far off? Crimes are "entered into our court system with the date that they were reported," Theil explains, "but that's not necessarily the date that it occurred.

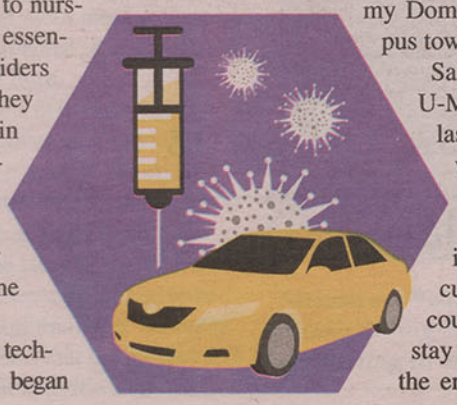
"In one instance, it was a delayed report [of an alleged assault] that occurred between 1991 and 2000. The victim was a minor at the time. She now lives out of state, and she got to a point where she was able to feel comfortable enough disclosing some things that occurred to her a long time ago. [It's] included on the list for February because it wasn't reported until February."

Another was reported and posted, but "once it got investigated, it was determined that it actually did not meet the elements of a criminal sexual conduct and therefore is not actually considered a sexual assault," Thiel says.

The three assaults in Ann Arbor Hills, Theil says, were reported to have occurred "between seven and eight years [ago]. Those were victim juveniles and a victim suspect who are all known to each other." That investigation is ongoing.

Vaccine hunt: Blair Carlson didn't even leave his car to get his Covid shot in March. He pulled into the lot at IHA's West Arbor Medical Center, filled out a form, and drove into a giant tent. He rolled down his window, rolled up his sleeve, and "bang!— there you go," he says.

It wasn't always this easy. After the first vaccines went to nursing homes and essential workers, providers announced that they would soon begin scheduling appointments, only to receive fewer doses than they expected or in some cases none at all.



Ann Arbor's tech-savvy population began working the problem, trading tips on where shots were available and driving hours to get them. In March, when the Observer's e-newsletter, a2view, asked readers where they were vaccinated, the most frequent answer was a Rite Aid in Ohio.

As more doses arrived locally, local providers worked together and with their patients to get them into arms. "It was a massive project with everybody working as hard as they could to make it as effective as they could," said Jean Callum, CEO of Packard Health. Michigan Medicine commandeered the Jack Roth Club at Michigan Stadium. The Washtenaw County Health Department set up mass vaccination sites at EMU's Convocation Center and St. Joe's–Chelsea, while Packard Health took vaccines to Dawn Farm, the Shelter Association's Delonis Center, Avalon Housing, the Corner Health Center, and SafeHouse. Clinics also popped up at historically black churches in Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti and, to reach Hispanic residents, at St. Francis of Assisi Church and a local trailer park.

By mid-April, nearly half of county residents had received at least one shot. But with more dangerous Covid variants and younger victims sending infection rates to record levels, getting everyone vaccinated is more critical than ever.

Pandemic pizza: With dining rooms closed for much of the year and hungry consumers sheltering in place, Domino's Pizza reported record sales of $16.1 billion in 2020. But local franchisee David Cesarini ended up with a smaller piece of the pie.

"This has been the biggest challenge I have faced in over twenty years as a small business owner in Ann Arbor," emails Cesarini. "I have four stores in Ann Arbor and two stores in East Lansing; my only focus is my Domino's franchise in campus towns."

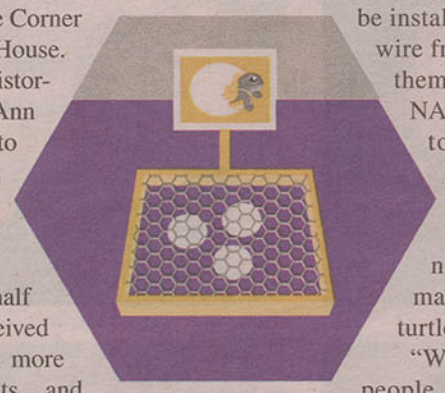
Sales nosedived when the U-M and MSU shut down last spring and stayed weak during the mostly remote school year. "I can't make up for losing tens of thousands of customers that were encouraged to leave town and stay home," he wrote before the end of winter term, "but I am doing my best to break even during this time with the customers that are in town."

To keep his teams and his customers healthy, he's stressing Covid discipline: "Sanitizing all contact surfaces hourly, the requirement for masks, hand washing each time a team member enters a workstation, and monitoring health symptoms and contact tracing before they clock in."

And paradoxically, Cesarini has been hiring. He says the new employees let him give current team members more flexible schedules, and "happier team members [mean] happier customers!"

They'll also position his stores for the promised "more normal" 2021–2022 school year—and, he hopes, a return to pizza prosperity.

Turtle security: Turtles start to nest this month, which means that city Natural Area Preservation staff will soon be installing wood-and-wire frames to protect them. But how does NAP know where to put them? Do they hire turtle watchers, train turtle-nest scouts, maybe even install turtle-cams?



"We don't have people looking for nesting turtles, nor do we have turtle-cams (I wish!)," emails NAP field biologist George Hammond. "We mostly find out about turtle nests from park visitors and park staff who happen to see them nesting and let us know. It can take a turtle many hours to finish nesting, so there is a chance that someone might see.

"We do have some folks who go looking for turtles, but not specifically for nesting turtles. They are volunteers in our Turtle Stewards program. They survey a pond or a stretch of river at least once a month to document how many turtles of our half dozen species are out basking there. They also help monitor artificial nesting mounds that we have in a few parks, to give turtles better spots to nest …

"Even in remote Michigan wilderness, most turtle nests end up as food for a predator, most often a raccoon, sometimes another mammal. In urban and suburban areas, raccoon populations are artificially high, and then nearly all the nests get devoured. Sometimes turtle populations are just a bunch of adults, nesting year after year with so little egg survival that there are no young turtles.

"By protecting some of the nests we're trying to improve the odds and conserve turtles in the city." ■

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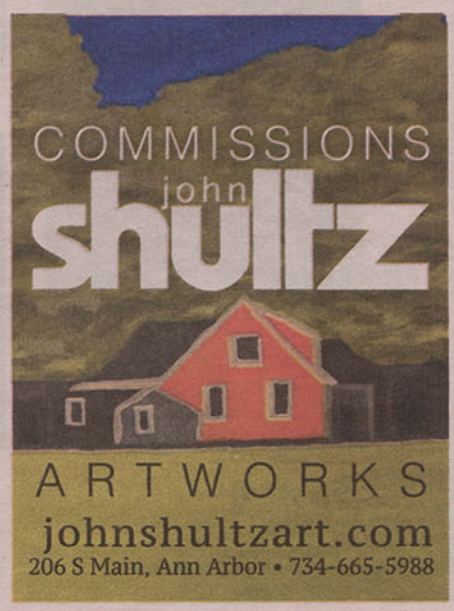

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Covid, Again

"We've lost patience," says U-M medical historian Howard Markel. "We opened things up too soon."

Markel, who has been researching pandemics for decades, says he's had an "embarrassment of riches" this year, writing for the *New Yorker,* the *Washington Post,* and other publications, as well as appearing on radio shows. But in the face of Michigan's third surge, he's also weary of having to constantly explain the need for social distancing.

"The way it's ripped through Michigan is predictable," he says. "When you open the floodgates [to socializing] when the virus is circulating, people get sick, and the cases go up," he says with a hint of exasperation. "When you close the floodgates, the cases go down, and the deaths go down. OK?"

Markel, sixty-one, is fully vaccinated. But his mother died of Covid last year, and he's still very cautious about possible exposure. Recently, though, he accepted a cousin's invitation to meet at Denny's restaurant. They'd been there before, but "we ate outside, and nobody was there," Markel says. "It was safe."

This time, they were seated inside. At first they were pretty much alone, but "all of a sudden, instead of seating people every other seat, it was crowded with college kids," Markel says. And none were wearing masks.

He told his cousin, "I just don't feel comfortable here." So they left.

Markel says that in December, after authorization of the first two vaccines from Moderna and Pfizer, he was "very hopeful" that the pandemic might soon be under control. But the U.S has since paused use of a third vaccine, from Johnson & Johnson, and Europe a fourth, from AstraZeneca, after reports of rare blood clots. The AstraZeneca vaccine was expected to protect "one out of five people in the world," Markel says. "That's a big deal, for a vaccine to be held up."

The situation is better in Washtenaw County. By mid-April, 80 percent of local seniors had received at least one dose of vaccine, and in the first half of the month they accounted for just 5 percent of new cases. But Michigan is the epicenter of the more contagious and dangerous B.1.1.7 variant, and, with most younger residents still unprotected, new infections were at an all-time high.

In the pandemic's first wave last spring, Michigan governor Gretchen Whitmer declared a state of emergency and ordered businesses and schools to shut down. But the state supreme court later overturned the law she'd relied on, so the state health department had to reissue the orders. And this time, Whitmer merely recommended that businesses and schools curtail their activities.

MARK BIALEK

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The governor did ask the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to provide more vaccines, but CDC director Rochelle Walensky refused. Saying that vaccines would take too long to have an impact, Walensky called on Whitmer to "shut things down."

Markel calls the governor's recent inaction "detrimental to our public health. I admired her bravery for what she did earlier. All I can do is wonder what's up." Interviewed on NBC's *Meet the Press,* Whitmer pointed to the court loss and the availability of vaccines as factors in her decision.

While wishing the governor would do more, Markel echoes her advice to keep taking precautions against infection.

"What I tell other people and what I try to do—with the exception of this Denny's thing, and I'm still freaking out about it—is follow the CDC's rules. Keep wearing your masks, until at least 90 percent of us are either vaccinated or have gotten Covid.

"Follow the rules. Use common sense. Be safe rather than sorry."

Dining Dilemma

As infections surge, restaurants choose different paths.

Governor Gretchen Whitmer's April recommendation that restaurants pause indoor dining for two weeks during the surging pandemic was just that: a recommendation, not a mandate. And Kevin Gudejko, president and CEO of Mainstreet Ventures, which includes Palio, Gratzi, Real Seafood, the Chop House and Carson's, has no plans to pause.

"I prefer to leave it up to the guests to decide," he says. "Same thing with our employees: I don't force anybody to work."

"It would be a good idea if people followed the recommendation, but I don't have confidence that people will," says Phillis Engelbert, owner of the Detroit Street Filling Station and the Lunch Room Bakery & Café. So she's keeping her vegan eateries closed.

Their dissimilar positions reflect their dissimilar pandemic experiences. When it first hit last March, "we saw our income cut in half or maybe even more within the span of one week," says Engelbert. "It felt like every day was a slow march towards financial death." She quickly folded her original Lunch Room in Kerrytown into the Filling Station, which was already doing carryout—"we just had to learn how to do it better and bigger." They did, and though total sales are down 22 percent since the closure, she says her remaining locations are doing better than ever.

MARK BIALEK

Mainstreet Ventures CEO Kevin Gudejko says Ann Arbor's expanded outdoor dining during the pandemic has been a "lifesaver." But given the choice, he's continuing to offer his customers the option of eating inside as well.

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Gudejko had it worse: his business immediately dropped 90 percent and went from 300 employees to thirty. He says three things saved them. Because Mainstreet Ventures also has restaurants in states with fewer restrictions, "we still had revenue coming in." Ann Arbor's expanded street and sidewalk dining during the warm months was "a lifesaver." And though they had never offered it before, "during the bulk of the shutdown we went all carryout."

But that wasn't nearly enough to recover the lost sit-down business. Engelbert "has got a model that works for her," Gudejko says. "But in fine dining typically you just don't get a whole lot of volume from it."

In April, outdoor dining expanded again. The Downtown Development Authority has agreed to pay up to $40,000 for sidewalk occupancy permits, and up to $50,000 for street closures. W. Washington from Ashley to Main and the east side of Maynard from Liberty to William will close at least through August, while Main and State from William to Washington and Liberty from Ashley to Fourth will close Thursdays at 4 p.m. and reopen Mondays at 6 a.m.

"It's gonna look like it did last year," Maura Thomson, the DDA's interim director, explains by phone, "people spread out into the street, plenty of room to safely walk around and stroll downtown, plenty of room to be spaced if you're having dinner or drinks or shopping. And people are going to see, I hope, family and friends and people that they haven't seen for a long time—because I think we're all so hungry to be together again." Most likely: in an informal poll of the Observer's Instagram account (@aaobserver), 87 percent of respondents welcomed the closures.

With offices closed and shopping and dining limited, the DDA expects to collect $14 million in parking revenues this fiscal year, $11 million less than projected. "We've had to cut expenditures dramatically," Thomson says. And "the city relies on 20 percent of parking revenue for the general fund, so that's a hit to the city."

The downtown business associations lost money from the canceled art fairs, as well as other events like the Rolling Sculpture Car Show and the Taste of Ann Arbor. The fairs expect to announce their plans this month; the car show has yet to decide, and Taste of Ann Arbor is hoping for late in the summer.

Gudejko predicts "this is going to be a great summer" for downtown. "There's a pent-up demand without a doubt."

"If we want to have a great summer, we have to make smart choices," warns Engelbert. In April, she wrote an open letter to the mayor, city council, and the city administrator urging them "to shut down all nonessential activity in the city."

Mayor Christopher Taylor says they can't do it even if they wanted to. "Our authority and our expertise are limited. We take our lead from the county health department," he says.

Though Taylor himself has gotten only carryout and delivery since the pandemic began, he says he's "optimistic about the summer. Ann Arbor is a vaccine-seeking community."

Convalescent Plasma

Theresa Durand never felt sick, but the Red Cross wanted her Covid antibodies.

Durand, who co-owns the Mix ladies' boutiques in Nickels Arcade and Ypsilanti, says she donated blood for the first time when "I was seventeen and there was a blood drive in my high school." She's been donating whole blood four times a year ever since.

Lately, though, the Red Cross has been asking her for a different kind of donation: Covid-19 "convalescent plasma." It's a way of sharing antibodies produced by her own immune system to help other patients. Robertson Davenport, a U-M professor of pathology and specialist in blood banking and transfusion medicine, emails that more than 500,000 transfusions of convalescent plasma have been performed nationally since the start of the pandemic.

Since March 2020, the Red Cross's Ann Arbor Donation Center has collected 1,549 units of convalescent plasma according to Todd Kulman, communications

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With time to spare when Mix was closed last spring, Durand made a blood-donation appointment—and learned her immune system had fought off Covid.

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Durand traces her own encounter with Covid to a buying trip she and her business partner, Bonnie Penet, took in early February 2020.

While they were there, "Bonnie had extreme fatigue and a cough like no other," Durand recalls. She felt fine herself, but when they returned, she insisted Penet "go to urgent care at IHA. They diagnosed her with double pneumonia and sent her home with a prescription for antibiotics. There was no Covid test. They didn't know what Covid was then."

By the time Penet went back two weeks later, they did. Her health unchanged, she was tested and confirmed to have Covid. Penet's husband was also seriously ill, and he tested positive, too.

When Michigan shut down last spring, Durand was at a loss for things to do, so she made an appointment to give blood. The Red Cross tests all donated blood for a variety of infections, including Covid.

"Most docs charge $50 to $100 to do a Covid test," says Kulman. "I encourage people to come to us. We do them for free."

Durand never did develop symptoms, but six weeks after donating, she got an email informing her that she had high levels of the Covid antibodies in her blood and was eligible to donate convalescent plasma. She wasn't shocked by the news. "I was around Bonnie so much," she says.

Unlike whole-blood donation, plasma donation is a loop: the blood drawn is passed through a machine that separates the plasma from the red cells and platelets, which are then returned to the donor.

After a whole-blood donation, Durand usually revives herself with a packet of Lorna Doone cookies and a juice box. But after donating plasma, "I didn't feel light headed like I did with a regular donation," she says.

The Red Cross has notified her that her plasma has been utilized in hospitals in Chicago, Indiana, and Ohio. But according to an April *New York Times* article, hospitals are now pulling back from it, after studies found little benefit for severely ill patients.

"The effectiveness of convalescent plasma remains controversial," writes the U-M's Davenport. "I personally, like many other practitioners in the field, have seen individual cases of rapid improvement after transfusion. I have also seen cases where it appeared to have no effect." His reading of the clinical evidence is that it may be beneficial if given early in the infection and in sufficient amounts to patients at high risk of progression to severe disease.

Penet is back at work, though still experiencing lingering heart palpitations and fatigue. In April, Durand was giving her arm a rest, but planned to resume donating this month.

B-school Breakfast

"It's an easy-to-make, full-nutrition breakfast, and in two fun flavors!" says 2021 U-M grad Jacqueline Sun.

Sun is speaking about the cauliflower-oatmeal combo she and fellow U-M Ross business school grad Taylor Hurley produce and sell through their start-up, Brassi. (It's short for brassica, the scientific name for the cauliflower group).

Last summer, Hurley started mixing cauliflower into her oatmeal and wrote about it in her health and wellness blog, livelytay.com. Friends expressed interest, so during the U-M's extended semester break, she and Sun, a friend since freshman year, brainstormed from their homes (in Corvallis, Oregon and Los Altos, California, respectively). When they came back to town in January, they rented a commercial kitchen in Ypsilanti and started to produce and package their "cauli-oats."

Ross staff and alums offered advice and encouragement, and as business students, Sun says, they had "some foun-

COURTESY BRASSI

Friends were interested when Taylor Hurley wrote about adding cauliflower to oatmeal. Hurley and Jacqueline Sun brainstormed during the U-M's semester break, then started manufacturing Brassi's "cauli-oats" in January.

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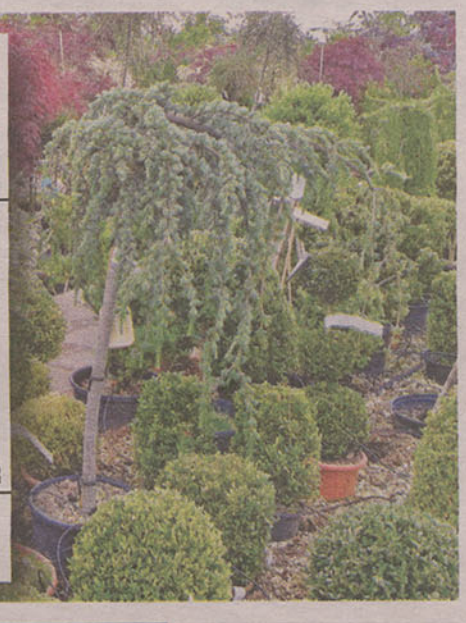

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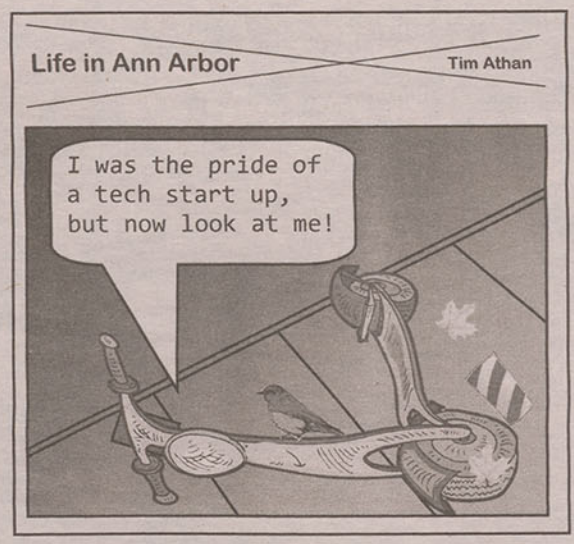

dation in accounting." They covered most of the start-up costs themselves—it was in the "low thousands," Sun says—and recently added the $10,000 they won in a U-M competition called the Social Impact Challenge.

The two downed a lot of bowls of oatmeal before settling on two flavors: apple and spice and cacao and coconut. The selling point is to boost daily vegetable intake with the "hidden" cauliflower. There's also rice powder for protein and flaxseed for fiber.

They sold about 500 of the $9.99, six-serving packs online before Brassi's retail launch in March. In the first month they had sold around 250 more at stores including McPherson Local in Saline and Agricole Farm Stop in Chelsea. (They're "in negotiations" with the People's Food Co-op, Sun says.)

Sun had a lighter (virtual) class load during the winter semester, so she did most of the pitching to stores, first by email and then by phone "because that's how older people prefer to talk." She regrets that the pandemic prevented them "from standing around in stores offering samples to shoppers."

Although Ross encourages entrepreneurship, "I would say 90 percent [of grads] go on to a traditional path" of taking salaried jobs at big businesses, Sun says. Before they started Brassi, the partners had committed to that path themselves, Sun with a company in New York, Hurley with one in Chicago. Now they hope to straddle both worlds, hiring people to continue making the product here while handling the business end remotely.

Brassi is no hobby, Sun emphasizes. "It's definitely a dream of ours to run this full-time."

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Q. How deep are Barton Pond, Argo Pond, and Geddes Pond?

A. All three are impoundments, with water levels controlled by dams. According to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE), the dam heights at Barton, Argo, and Geddes are twenty-four, twenty-five, and eighteen feet, respectively. That approximates the original pond depths, though they have since been reduced several feet by sediment accumulation.

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Life After Bubble Island

"I saw your article about bubble tea and thought I'd update you on me," emailed Dave Lin. Lin opened Bubble Island in 2002 and closed it in April 2021 after concluding it was no longer viable in the pandemic (Marketplace Changes, April).

"As you can imagine, closing down was pretty horrific so I took some time to stay safe and figure out what I wanted to do next," Lin writes. "I've decided that I want to try to help business owners who permanently closed their businesses to the pandemic."

He founded the Covid Rescue Fund (covidrescuefund.org) to raise money through crowdsourcing, then make grants to help those people launch new businesses. He's hoping to "spread the news of the fund, let people know how they can help, and most importantly—to let people know that the hardships from the pandemic aren't going away with the vaccines."

Deans, continued

"I hate to pile onto corrections to 'Diversity Legacy' in the March and April issues, but the first woman dean at Michigan was Rhoda Reddig, who was appointed dean of the School of Nursing in 1955—23 years before Joan S. Stark in Education," emailed U-M manager of heritage communications Kim Clarke. "And Rhetaugh Dumas was one of two African Americans named deans in 1981, joining Harold Johnson at the School of Social Work."

Nitzan Keynan

In April's Table Talk on the emerging north-side baking hub, we got the name of Liron Egozi's wife wrong both in the text and in the credit for her photo of Egozi holding a stack of bread loaves. Our apologies to Nitzan Keynan.

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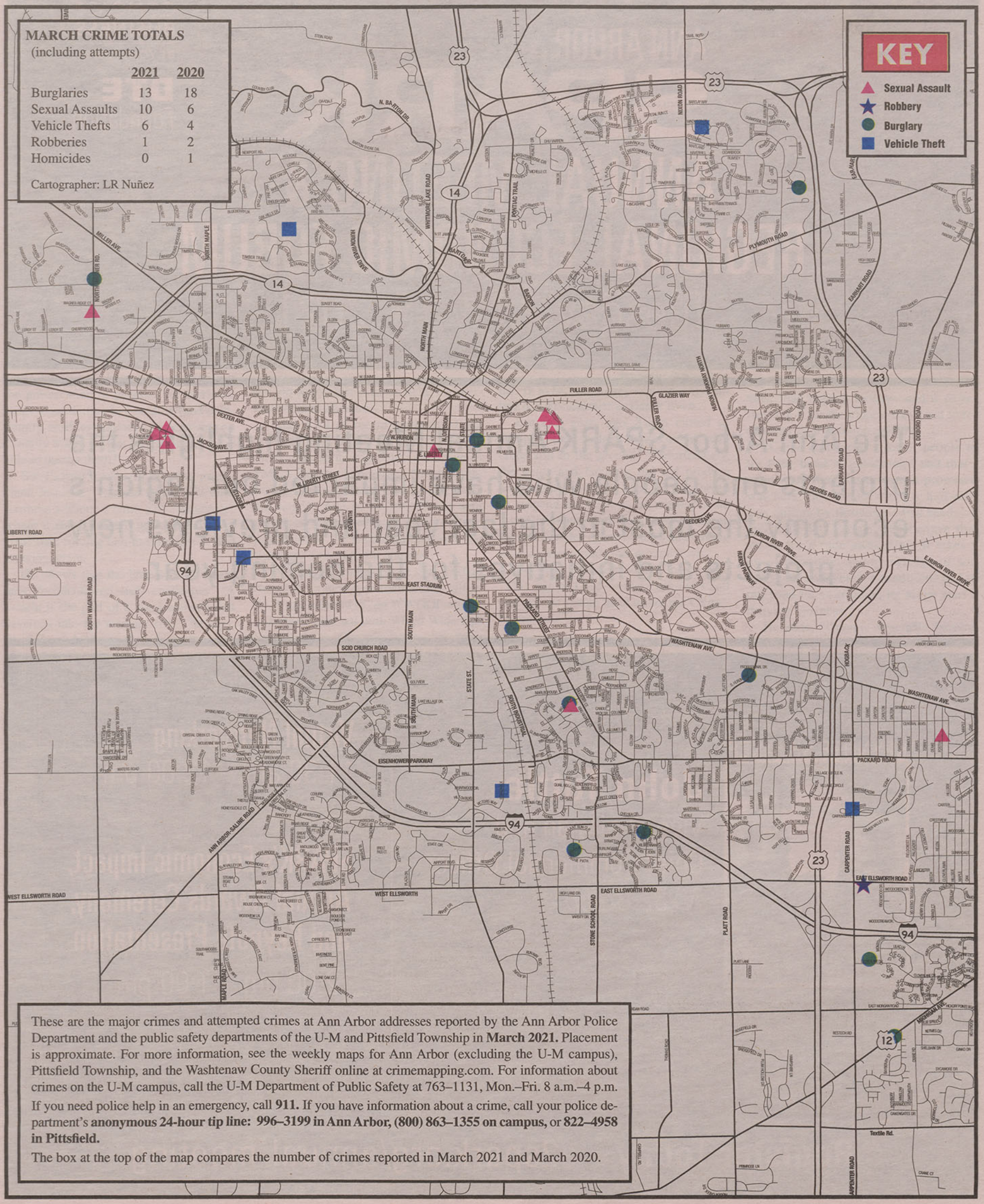

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Ryan Padgett

A farmer looks to put down roots.

J. ADRIAN WYLIE

For several years, early on any Saturday morning between April and November, Ryan Padgett could be seen pedaling his bicycle down Pontiac Tr., pulling a cart loaded with heirloom vegetables behind him. He'd follow the Border-to-Border Trail along the Huron River to the Ypsilanti Farmers Market in Depot Town, where a dedicated community of supporters collected their share of the produce of Radicle Roots Community Farm.

Padgett, thirty-five, speaks of soil conditions and seeds the way others might speak of football statistics or stock futures. "There's nothing like the feeling of working for yourself and working for the land," he says. "I have a lot of passions: the preservation of genetics for heirloom crops, contributing to a healthy food community, working outdoors, and carrying on a family tradition. I'm lucky enough to be able to pursue them."

But Padgett is also, in his own words, "land insecure." Radicle Roots is a farm business without a farm. The "incubator" where it started closed unexpectedly two years ago, forcing him to scramble to find growing space.

He allows that the farm's name might have foreshadowed such challenges. "A radicle is the part of a plant embryo that develops into the primary root," he says. "And I *might* have played on the idea of modern-day farming being a radical decision."

Farming is rooted deep in his family's history: both sets of grandparents farmed in Illinois, one raising corn, soybeans, and wheat, the other livestock. But his parents aren't farmers, and growing up in southwest Michigan, he had never planned to become one.

That changed after he graduated from Michigan State in 2008. The Great Recession was just getting started, and he found few job opportunities in his field, interpersonal communications.

"Like a lot of recent graduates, I got restaurant gigs to pay my bills," he says. On the side, he managed the Grand Rapids YMCA Healthy U program, which taught kids the value of healthy eating and physical activity. And he became friends with a produce farmer who delivered organic vegetables to the restaurant and took the restaurant's garbage for compost.

"A light bulb came on," he says. "When I heard about farm opportunities in California, I was inspired to 'go WWOOFing.'"

Padgett interned with World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms for three years. In exchange for food and education, he raised 20,000 tomato plants, plus lettuce, broccoli, kale, and leafy greens on a farm in Chico. In Vina, he raised and hand-cracked English walnuts. In Boonville, he learned the art of biodynamic production for heirloom varieties and completely diversified vegetables—as well as working on orchards, raising goats and pigs, and making cheese. His final stop was in Willow Creek, where he worked with George Stevens, a seed preservationist who launched the Synergy Seed Exchange.

Inspired by Stevens, Padgett applied to farm incubator programs around the country, with his fingers crossed that he could find one in his home state.

He did. In 2014, Padgett joined Tilian Farm Development Center in Ann Arbor Township. For initial seed money of $600 (later raised to $1,800), Tilian gave a dozen or so new farmers access to fields, hoop houses, greenhouses, a historic barn, equipment, and expertise. Padgett hauled his harvests down Pontiac Tr. to his community supported agriculture (CSA) customers in Depot Town.

But two years ago, Tilian closed so abruptly that Padgett was caught with crops still in the ground. "Unfortunately, the fields and facilities did not produce any food last year," he says. He was forced to suspend his CSA as he regrouped on a smaller scale, putting a hoop house on the one-acre lot where he lives and renting several other small plots around town.

But his customers didn't forget him. "This winter I had former customers call and ask me to sign them up for my CSAs," he says.

Padgett says his specialties are "heirloom head lettuce, tomatoes, watermelons, root vegetables, melons, and winter greens." On principle, he plants only heirloom and open-pollinated seeds.

"In the 1940s, commercial seed companies shifted from offering exclusively open-pollinated seeds to offering primarily hybrid seeds that couldn't be saved from season to season," he explains. "Farmers had to buy new seed every year. And then in the 1990s, GMO—genetically modified organism—seeds appeared. The world has lost between 70 and 90 percent of [food crops'] genetic diversity since the 1940s."

That's why Padgett says he feels "compelled to help preserve historic varieties. Without them the history of food is erased. When I look at a Speckled Head Lettuce, I still marvel that this Dutch variety dates back to the 1600s—and, remarkably, it has somehow survived into the present." He adds with laughter in his voice, "If that story doesn't move you, the superior flavor will."

He can trace his tomatoes' lineage back more than a century. "I get most of them from Seed Savers Exchange and small, regional seed companies," he says, "and I sell to people who understand their value."

One such customer is about to purchase a farm in Milan, and has offered Padgett the use of its fields. They're in negotiations now.

"My goal is to own my own farm property one day," he says. "Farming is much more than making money—and if someone is in it for the money, they need to reconsider their decision quickly.

"Covid convinced a lot of people to try their hand at gardening—and that's great. But YouTube programs promised watchers they could make a half-million dollars by throwing a few seeds on their side lot. People who believe that are in for a rude awakening. It takes a lot of education and knowledge of soil and seeds and weather conditions just to put food on your table, let alone start a thriving business."

He adds, "Organic vegetable farming is essentially an anti-capitalist movement. It challenges the corporate nature of the industrial food system with its focus on feeding the world, rejuvenating the farm community, and promoting environmental sustainability.

"The focus is not on getting rich. But those who stick with it find great rewards in self-reliance. We can feed ourselves and our community, save our own seeds, and save the future. The only laws we have to contend with are nature's laws. That's a great feeling."

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My Grandfather's Pandemic

Fighting the flu in 1918, Ralph Engle lost friends he never knew he had.

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My father was born in Petoskey, the son of a local doctor—an imposing figure who wore a bearskin coat and drove one of the town's first Model T Fords and looks out from photos with the same serious brown eyes later bestowed on my sister. My grandfather died before I was born, but I always begged Dad for stories of growing up in Petoskey, because it seemed impossibly idyllic. There was fishing and sailing in summer and horse-drawn sleigh rides in winter, with a rich influx of seasonal visitors who poured from the Chicago ferries and Detroit trains to imbibe the natural wonders and pristine air.

In his stories, one rare dark cloud was the 1918 pandemic. My father was just a toddler and would have had no real memory of it, but my grandfather must have relayed to his son the anguish and sadness of that time. If the subject ever came up, Dad would sigh and say that it was just an awful time for his father and for the town.

When Gov. Whitmer's stay-at-home order went into effect last year, I had plenty of time on my hands and a lot of questions. And I wondered if maybe this utter weirdness that we're all going through—this fear, isolation, the anxiety about an invisible threat and unknown future—maybe that's what my grandparents went through.

With no living family of that generation left, I turned to the Internet. On the website of Petoskey's Greenwood Cemetery, I discovered a trove of digitized newspapers dating back to the 1870s. They told how the "Spanish influenza" reached northern Michigan in the fall of 1918.

As World War I wound down, the need to raise money to pay for it ramped up. John Philip Sousa, who had enlisted in the Navy in 1917 at age sixty-two in support of the war, led the 321-member Bluejacket Band at the Great Lakes Naval Station near Chicago. Smaller "Jackie Bands" toured the country to raise money for the Liberty Loan bonds effort. In September 1918, a thirty-member touring group, along with various other performers and celebrities, headed north to crisscross Michigan by train.

COURTESY M.A. ENGLE

I wondered if maybe this utter weirdness that we're all going through—this fear, isolation, the anxiety about an invisible threat and unknown future—maybe that's what my grandparents went through.

They brought with them more than entertainment. Just as the band left Chicago, reports surfaced of an influenza outbreak at the naval base. By the time the train hit Charlevoix, four band members had to be hospitalized with the flu, but the rest continued on another twenty miles or so to Petoskey for a performance and gala dinner dance.

The viral seeds were sown straightaway. One band member was ill enough to be treated directly after the performance by the city health officer, George Nihart. In one of the many harbingers of our current pandemic, Dr. Nihart would himself quickly fall ill.

Then the story took a deeply personal turn. To replace ailing Dr. Nihart, I read, Dr. Engle was appointed in his stead—Ralph Engle, my grandfather.

With pandemic disaster reports pouring in from the outside world, the health department issued a series of unpopular orders. Mask-wearing was encouraged for all. Schools were locked. Visiting at hospitals was banned. Public funerals were prohibited. And ultimately, residents were forbidden to leave Petoskey.

The next weeks and months saw waves of influenza in the area, when cases dipped and people let their guard down. Again, it fell to health officials to scold the public in order to save them.

"The department wishes people to tell their friends to remain at home, and especially people residing out of the city. Visiting back and forth between neighbors and friends should not be allowed, for this tends to spread the disease," the *Petoskey Evening News* warned on Halloween.

That shutdown was followed by a lull of five weeks with no flu deaths. Then on December 18, a Petoskey resident died of viral pneumonia. Dr. Engle immediately called off holiday events, including church services. Christmas was canceled.

The son of a Methodist minister, he had lived in Petoskey since he was nine. He knew everybody in town and often accepted payment in potatoes or whitefish. But a document on the cemetery website quotes him as saying that during the pandemic, "I lost more friends than I ever knew I had in the city."

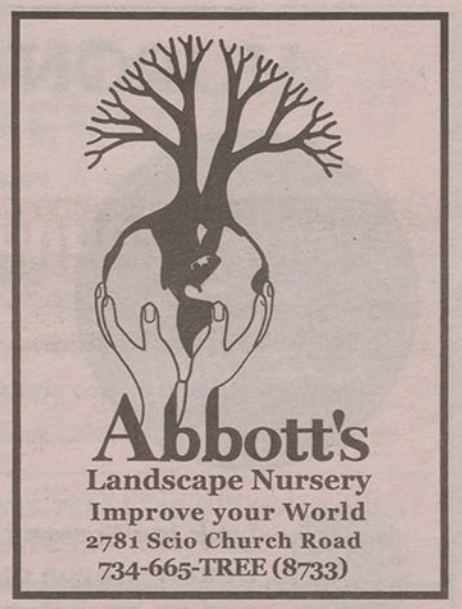
I have never lived in Petoskey but remain drawn to it; today I protectively watch the data for Emmet County—and I worry about echoes of 1918. "Up North," so beloved in the Great Lakes region, is still underserved in terms of medical infrastructure. It is difficult to know how many Petoskey residents died of influenza because records were kept differently then, but we do know that in 1918, forty-eight deaths were blamed on the pandemic. As of mid-April this year, Covid-19 has claimed forty from Emmet County. From October 1918 to April 1919, the Spanish flu killed some 15,000 Michiganders. By mid-April this year, Covid had taken more than 17,000.

My grandparents lived through their pandemic. They had a couple of rough years, to be sure, and it hurt. But they got through it. And for the public health officials and scientists who now face vitriol as Dr. Engle did then, I'd point to my grandfather's obituary.

Maybe he lost a lot of "friends" in the shutdown, but when he died thirty years later, the whole city mourned. His death was announced above the fold on the front page of the *Evening News*. "Tall and dignified," they wrote, "Dr. Engle had a kindly manner, which endeared him to his many patients and associates …. [H]e was an outstanding member of his profession and a public servant who contributed greatly to the welfare and growth of his community."

So there's another thing I learned from my grandfather's pandemic: Doing the right thing sometimes hurts. But posterity will thank you—and though you may never meet your grandchildren, you will make them proud.

—M.A. Engle



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Scrabble Heaven

Bingo! Or, how I learned to swim with the big fish.

Chuck Armstrong is a polite, soft-spoken, and engaging man. You'd never guess he is a barracuda at Scrabble.

Did you know there are competitive Scrabble tournaments? I certainly didn't when I first started frequenting the regular downtown Scrabble game, first held at the old Firefly Club and then at Arbor Brewing Company.

Chuck was a regular there. In the rarefied air of extreme Scrabble prowess, he had also for decades been one of the top players in the country.

Pre-pandemic, the Wednesday night game welcomed anyone who walked in the door. But those poor souls who joined the game for the first time—perhaps because they spotted it in the Observer events listings—were in for a rude awakening. It was like a confident swimmer in a Michigan inland lake plunging into a turbulent ocean. You thought you knew what you were doing—then quickly found yourself losing your bearings.

Nothing shatters the illusion that you're good at Scrabble like finding yourself 200 points behind after three or four turns.

I'd figured I was good at Scrabble. With family or friends, I usually came out on top. But nothing shatters that illusion like finding yourself 200 points behind after three or four turns—which often happened playing Chuck.

Arbor Brewing games were decidedly *not* like Scrabble on my home turf. To start with, we never played with more than one opponent. And instead of holding on to the Q, Z, X, and J, I learned to play or dump them ASAP and hoard instead the one-point tiles like E, A, I, N, T, R and especially the S.

Why? Because that maximizes your chances of using all your letters on a turn. Such a "bingo" earns a fifty-point bonus—and with the right tiles you can actually make them happen rather than waiting for them to fall in your lap.

It took me a few years before I mastered this strategy and learned to swim with the big fish. I even dashed off a somewhat oversimplified little book called *Bingo!: The Secret to Scrabble Success* to spread the new gospel I'd learned.

Most who survived that first plunge into the deep waters of our Wednesday game caught on too. Those of us who had been through the same shock therapy held any newcomers' hands and gently showed them the ropes.

Our numbers fluctuated from six to a dozen or more—with organizer Steve Lawrence never missing a week. Players came from almost every conceivable walk of life—teachers, nurses, techies, tradespeople—and had a wide range of gaming experience. What we had in common was a certain degree of comfort going out to drink and eat with others nerdy enough yet social enough to meet in a bar and play a word game.

Some players got so serious that they copied Chuck's "cheat sheets" to take home to study. These included lists of seven-letter words that could be formed from common holdings on your rack, obscure words that include the high-value Z, Q, X, or J, and allowable two- and three-letter words.

To me, that was too much effort, turning a fun pursuit into another chore. Instead, I'd learn new words from seeing them played by others—often by Chuck. That kept me a comfortable notch short of what I considered taking the game too seriously.

A couple times during our long history, Scrabble published a new edition of the official dictionary. That was cause for a few toasts at the table, especially when "qi" and "za" became legal. But when Arbor Brewing closed last June, a casualty of the pandemic, we finally ran out of qi.

In exile, socially distanced, far from the long tables where we'd munch fries while spotting great plays on neighboring boards, we now peck away on our digital devices. Until last August, many of us played Scrabble on an app, but it was abruptly discontinued and replaced by "Scrabble Go," which adds lots of annoying buzzers and bells and gizmos, rewards of treasure chests and other trinkets, and detours you can take to play other word games. To us, they're just impediments we have to fight through to play a game of Scrabble.

I still play against Amy, Kelly, Barry, and Keenan, former regulars at Arbor, anytime I want to fiddle on my phone. I have somehow acquired a regular opponent, Louise, who lives in England but lets us play using the American dictionary—the British version allows a dizzying array of words (including "zo"!).

Louise and I are well matched, and she is expert at clogging up the board. In Scrabble, as in bridge and most games I play, I am overaggressive; I don't play defense well. But playing Louise so much has forced me to learn how to prevent bingos by blocking spaces that might hold a seven- or eight-letter word.

Other Arbor regulars find Scrabble Go too annoying and have scattered to different platforms. Chuck isn't active in our online circle.

But nothing will ever match that night years ago when he sat down opposite me and everything somehow magically fell into place. An astounding seven bingos later, we each ended up with more than 600 points—and I squeaked out a victory. I've never played in that stratosphere before or since.

Or maybe it was all a dream. Like so much before the pandemic, it seems like it happened in another lifetime.

—Michael Betzold

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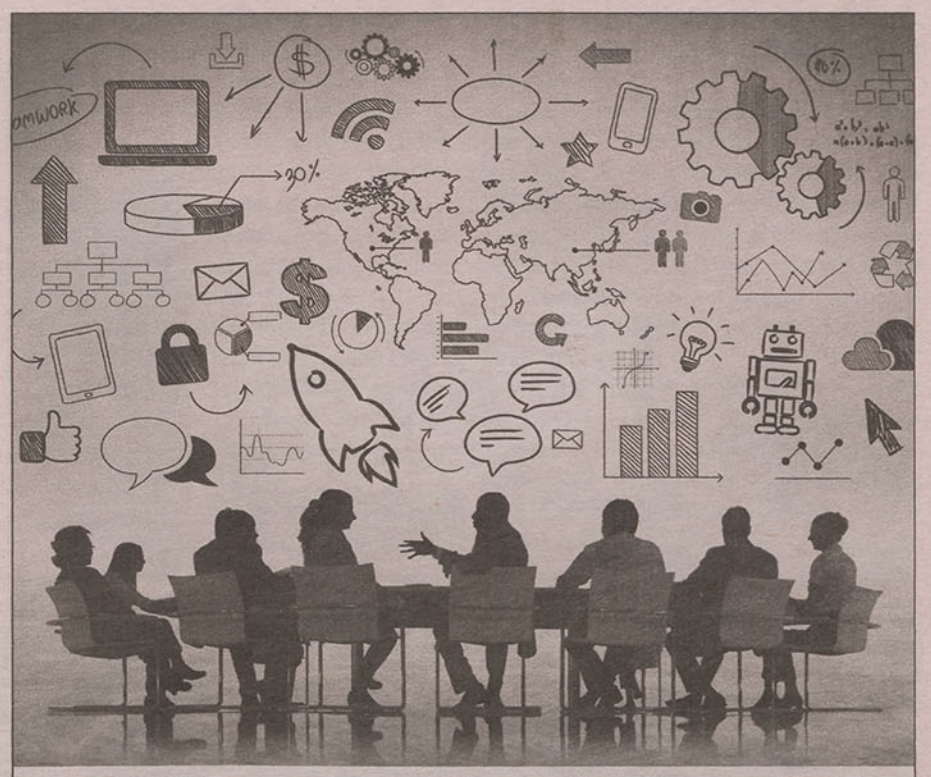
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The Water Lawsuit

HIGH-STAKES LITIGATION TARGETS A CITY'S SAVINGS ACCOUNT.

by James Leonard

Can Ann Arbor raise water rates now to pay for a new treatment plant it hasn't started yet?

Not according to a lawsuit that's seeking class action status this month. Originally filed last summer by Royal Oak attorney Greg Hanley with city resident Sandra Hahn as plaintiff, the suit points out that the reserves in Ann Arbor's water and sewer fund rose from $62 to $91 million from 2014 to 2019—and charges that the city is violating state law by charging fees that exceed its costs.

The city says that it's banking the money for necessary improvements. "The City's financial statements for its water and sewer funds reflect substantial capital investment projects, one of which includes a wastewater treatment plant upgrade project at a cost of approximately $160 million," it wrote in a filing. That work is done, but now it's saving up for other projects, including a $90 million upgrade to the water treatment plant.

In an interview, Hanley argues that instead of building reserves in advance, municipalities should borrow money to pay for infrastructure improvements through revenue bonds. "That's what [Ann Arbor] did when about eight years ago they did all their major improvements to the sewer facility—they financed it principally through these bonds, which are being paid over time through rates," Hanley says.

The city actually started work on the sewage plant several years earlier, and city administrator Tom Crawford reports that they paid about $32 million of the cost from reserves. But Hanley's firm, Kickham Hanley, is not to be taken lightly. A 2018 *Detroit Free Press* article tallied more than $40 million in judgments and settlements from its class action suits against local government—though in January, the state Court of Appeals reversed a $9 million judgment against Bloomfield Township over its water and sewer fees.

In a follow-up email, Hanley agrees "that necessary and appropriate capital improvements to water and sewer infrastructure assets are an allowable expense in operating a water and sewer system. The question is how to properly finance those improvements. Principles of intergenerational equity dictate that current customers not finance improvements that will disproportionately benefit future customers."

City attorney Stephen Postema says there's nothing illegal about banking money for new facilities. "As a factual matter, Plaintiff's attorneys tried to argue the so-called concept of intergenerational equity in two previous cases," he emails, "and in 2019 the Michigan Court of Appeals rejected it in both of those cases."

The local suit also challenges the city's use of stormwater fees to plant and tend trees. "You don't get to generate excessive surpluses or divert monies" to operations unrelated to water, sewer, and stormwater services, Hanley says. "They're taking over a million dollars a year that they're including in the stormwater rates and financing pretty much the entire forestry department."

The issue came up at a city council meeting last October, when a contract to trim street trees passed narrowly, 6–5. According to the *Ann Arbor News*, councilmember Jack Eaton objected that it was "a lot of money to be pulling out of a stormwater fund for a matter that just kind of relates to the subject matter."

Hanley appreciated the support. It's "pretty unprecedented," he says, for an elected official to question a municipality's use of fee revenue. But mayor Christopher Taylor—like Eaton, a lawyer—emails that he's "100% confident in our use of some storm water funds to support the street tree program because of the proven storm water benefits that street trees provide."

Eaton and two other councilmembers who opposed the October motion are no longer on council, and the city is showing no inclination to settle the suit. Its legal response contends that the complaints "misunderstand and misconstrue the City's utility rates, the manner in which water, sewer and stormwater rates are set, and the City's procedures for accounting for its utility systems and rates … the City's utility rates are reasonable and proportionate to the actual costs of providing the services and are thus legal and valid user fees."

The stakes are high, because the city has other major utility projects in the works. If successful, Taylor says, the lawsuit "could gut vital infrastructure and cost Ann Arbor millions of dollars."

The biggest project is the water treatment plant. It hasn't had major work since an expansion in 1975, and some systems date to its original construction in 1938.

Assistant city attorney Timothy Wilhelm emails that construction is expected to begin in 2025. "The renovation project is estimated to cost approximately $90 million," he writes, "and reserves would be one of the sources used to pay for the project consistent with City policies."

Hanley's arguments are based largely on the 1998 case *Bolt v City of Lansing*, in which a property owner challenged Lansing's stormwater utility fee, arguing that it was effectively a tax levied without voter approval. By a 4–3 margin, the Michigan Supreme Court agreed.

Ann Arbor and the Michigan Municipal League both filed briefs supporting Lansing. Former Ann Arbor city attorney Bruce Laidlaw, who wrote the municipal league's brief, emails that ever since, lower courts have been wrestling with what utility expenses are and art not permissible—he recently "counted 14 appellate cases based on Bolt."

So it's impossible to predict how the latest litigation will play out. Laidlaw writes that only one thing is certain: "Until the Michigan Supreme Court clarifies the standards of the Bolt case, it will remain the kind of case that assures paydays for lawyers." ■

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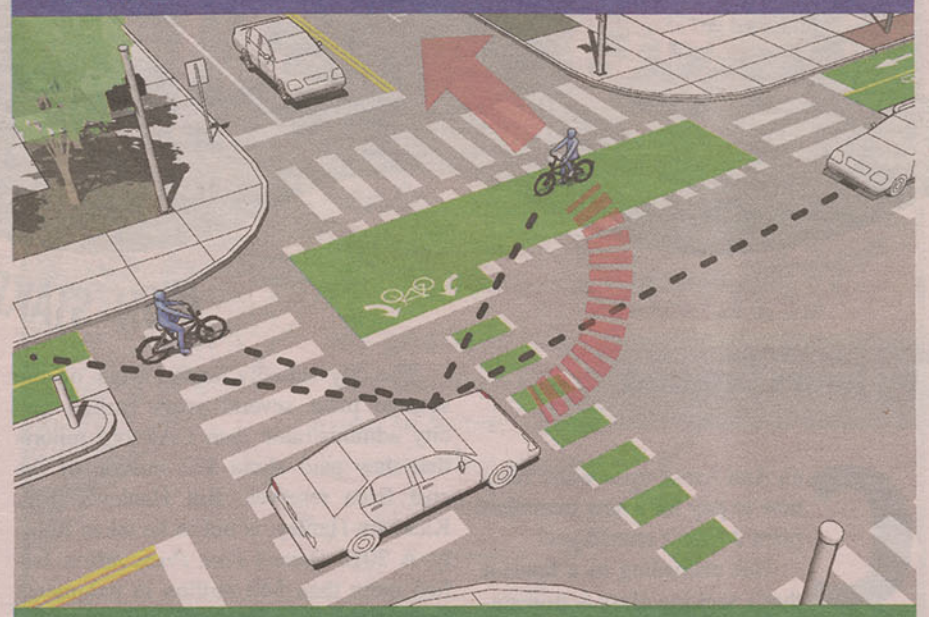

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COURTESY AIRGARAGE

Illegal parkers have always risked being ticketed and towed. Now there's a new peril.

BY JAMES LEONARD

A local musician says he's parked for years in the lots at First Baptist and First United Methodist churches on Washington St. for gigs and rehearsals at the Michigan Theater. Despite signs saying it was private parking, no one ever bothered him—until the night in March when he returned to his car at First Baptist and saw something "pretty much covering the entire windshield." It was "bright yellow, about eighteen by thirty-six [inches, and] a couple of inches thick."

It's called a Barnacle, and it was stuck on his windshield by the private company that manages parking at the church lots. "About a year ago," says the musician, signs went up at both lots "that parking was being run by AirGarage, and that you're supposed to scan the QR code on their sign or call the number and use your phone to make a payment with a credit card. So I did that."

"But then one day I was talking to somebody at the Methodist church, and he said, 'Oh, we don't really pay much attention to that. The signs are there just to kind of discourage people.' "

So when the musician saw the Barnacle, "I was befuddled and perplexed. It was after hours. There was nobody in the church. It was not taking anything away from anybody. With the First Methodist, I had done so much work with the music department there I kind of felt like an insider."

He was an outsider now—and barnacled. "There was no getting it off," he says. "and you absolutely could not have driven with it on." So he scanned the code on the device and discovered it would cost him $400 to remove—with half refundable when he returned the device.

"I had no option," he says. He paid the $400 online with a credit card and was texted a code to enter into a keypad on the device, releasing the suction cups that held it in place. "Then they said this has to be returned within twenty-four hours, or we'll charge an additional $1,000!"

He tried calling and texting, but all he got was an address on E. Washington. Flustered, "I put the thing in my backseat and drove home. Every ten or fifteen minutes, it would give off the most wretched ear-splitting chirp."

The next morning he returned to look around in daylight. In the Methodists' lot, he saw "this homemade little shanty thing. I walked over and, by golly, this was the Barnacle return bin."

He dropped it off, but later stopped at First Baptist to ask his friends there what was going on. They "said that they were frustrated with people parking on their lot," he recalls. "As these high-rise luxury apartment buildings keep springing up here, there, and everywhere, the demand for parking in that part of Ann Arbor is increased exponentially. It would be a shame to not be able to utilize those spaces, especially because the churches aren't using them."

Will he ever park there illegally again? "Hell, no!"

AirGarage was started in 2017 at Arizona State University by students Scott Fitsimones, Chelsea Border, and Jonathon Barkl. "We wanted basically to make parking as easy as pulling a garage out of thin air," says Barkl of the name.

They started by renting driveways from nearby homeowners and then moved on to churches. One was renting out its parking during the work week but "had these hair-on-fire problems running this parking lot and spending 90 percent of their time as a church focused on 'how do we run this parking lot' and 10 percent of their time focused on 'how do we run the church,' " Barkl says. So AirGarage made them an offer to "take all of this off your plate."

> **"Then they said this has to be returned within twenty-four hours, or we'll charge an additional $1,000."**

The church agreed, and they split the parking revenue. "The church gets 70 percent, we get 30 percent, and then our 30 percent goes towards covering the cost of installing signage and doing enforcement and processing payments from drivers," explains Barkl.

They found the perfect enforcement tool in the Barnacle. Introduced in 2016 by NYC-based Barnacle Parking Solutions, it effectively immobilizes vehicles without the hassles and costs of towing and impounding them.

"Churches are great partners," emails Barkl. "They have underutilized parking spaces available for the community, and the additional funding generated through public parking helps them support their outreach and community assistance programs. It's a win-win."

AirGarage now has eleven full-time employees and operates lots in 115 locations in thirty states—and Fitsimones, Border, and Barkl have all dropped out of school to become respectively the company's chief technology officer, chief data officer, and chief executive officer.

First Baptist was their first Ann Arbor client, in 2019. "We reached out to them via email," says Barkl. He says the pitch was, "You're a perfect fit for this based on your location. It seems like you would really actually make a pretty good amount of money."

"AirGarage has just been such a great partnership," says Paula Burton, chair of First Baptist's board of trustees. "We think very highly of them."

Illegal parkers had always been a problem. "We would put warnings on cars, the windows, and keep a record of who had parked in the lot," explains church business manager Kat Becker. "And usually after three or four warnings we'd give them a final warning, and then they would be towed." But all that enforcement chewed up a huge part of Becker's day.

"Having a partnership with AirGarage, it actually frees me up to do my work," she says. And they're making $1,400 monthly from the lot now.

"One of the biggest selling points was just the flexibility of their app," adds Burton, "and telling them on any given day or even any given set of hours in a day you can have five spaces or you can have twenty-three."

AirGarage has since added the lots at First Methodist and U-M Hillel, as well as a private parking lot on E. Liberty near Fifth. It's "a risk-free way for churches or small businesses to find new income," Barkl says.

He touts its convenience for drivers as well. "When you get there, you push the start button, when you leave, you push an end button, and we bill you for the exact amount of time that you parked."

But then there's what happens when drivers don't pay. Barkl wouldn't connect us to a local AirGarage worker, but says they go through the lots on a regular basis, leaving warnings on vehicles that haven't paid to park and aren't registered as belonging to the lot owners. AirGarage promotes its system as a better alternative to booting or towing, because drivers don't have to find a ride to a tow lot to get their cars back, or pay impound fees. "Our goal was never really to Barnacle someone," Barkl says. "But after three warnings, then we will unfortunately have to Barnacle people."

Asked how often that happens, he emails that they've Barnacled about five cars per month in Ann Arbor since October 1, "compared with the approximately 2,500 vehicles that have been legally parked in these parking lots."

What if a driver complains? "We look them up in our system and we say, well, actually, I do have a photo record that shows your same vehicle was here on this date, this date and this date," he writes.

We emailed the musician to ask if he remembered getting any warning.

"Well … now that you mention it, I do recall finding a slip of paper under my windshield wiper once, telling me to contact them and pay," he wrote back. "I hung on to it for a little while, while I pondered what to do, and it got forgotten."

Not paying to park proved costly to a local musician.

A Big Year FOR SMALL FARMS

Community-supported agriculture is having a moment.

By Cynthia Furlong Reynolds

Ann Arborites were early converts to the locavore movement. Ann Arbor Farmers Market manager Stefanie Stauffer, a farmer herself, says that by the late Aughts, many people here were buying locally grown fruits and vegetables directly from nearby farmers rather than in supermarkets.

But Stauffer, who wrote her PhD dissertation on local food systems, adds that the trend was relatively short-lived. "National corporations recognized what was happening and rebranded themselves as companies offering organic and locally grown products," she says. They succeeded in luring many shoppers back to produce aisles.

Then Covid-19 hit. While the pandemic was disastrous for many businesses, says Ryan Padgett of Radicle Roots Community Farm, "This is a big moment for organic farmers who run small operations … The CSA model was planted before Covid, and it made sense then, but it will continue growing. I'm happy to be part of that movement."

When rumors of a lockdown began circulating last spring, frantic shoppers emptied grocery store shelves, which were slow to refill. Meanwhile, the pandemic was decimating the labor force on megafarms in distant states and slowing the national transportation system. On top of those challenges, Governor Whitmer closed farmers' markets, which were the main source of sales for many small local farms.

Local farmers responded immediately. Some changed crop varieties, some put more acres under cultivation, some chose vegetables over flowers, some built hoop houses and farm stands, and many quickly established an online presence. Meanwhile, shoppers searching for locally grown produce discovered, or rediscovered, community-supported agriculture (CSA).

"I learned that CSAs guaranteed that I would get a good assortment of fresh vegetables no matter what was happening in supermarkets," says Betsy Waldheim, one of many converts. "I joined two different CSAs."

CSAs are farmer-consumer partnerships, sharing both the risks and benefits of food production. At the start of the growing season, community members buy a share of a farm's production and, throughout its CSA season (which can be as short as a few months or as long as a year), collect distributions of the farm's produce, generally either weekly or biweekly. The arrangement offers farmers financial security and working capital, and consumers the first and best selection of the fruits and vegetables—as well as the satisfaction of knowing they are supporting local agriculture and local businesses.

"The CSA model has always made sense," says Padgett, "pairing consumers with farmers to share the challenges and the rewards and harvests. But Covid showed the world why the CSA model works to everyone's benefit."

Tantre Farm's Ryan Poe distributes "Immunobooster" shares. After selling out two months early last year, the local CSA pioneer added the "hybrid" program, which combines a week-by-week share of produce with locally prepared foods--everything from maple syrup and honey to sauerkraut, homemade bread, desserts, quiches, tempeh, and salads.

"Before last year, CSA farms had trouble filling their shares," says Alexandra Cacciari, co-owner of Seeley Farm on Warren Rd. "That changed with the lockdown, when grocery stores were having trouble getting shipments and people wanted to avoid crowds."

When farmers' markets shut down, Richard Andres of Tantre Farm outside Chelsea predicted that local farmers would find innovative ways to sell their crops and that local shoppers would find plenty to eat—if they relied on their neighbors. "Farmers are the most adaptive people—they have to be," he said at the time. "We're used to adapting to climate conditions, market conditions, market demands, and crop conditions."

He was right.

As soon as the lockdown was announced, CSA sales around Ann Arbor skyrocketed. "Last year, many more people came back to the idea of buying locally grown foods and keeping local businesses and neighbors afloat," Stauffer says. "More and more people became aware of the fact that they can eat healthier foods while helping to save local farms and support local food businesses."

Tantre is the grandfather of local CSA programs. Since 1993, Andres and his wife, Deb Lentz, have raised between eighty and 100 varieties of vegetables, fruits, mushrooms, herbs, and flowers, as well as cows and chickens, on 110 acres. They usually sell CSA shares into May, but last year, they sold out by the end of March, committing to 420 customers.

At Green Things Farm on Nixon Rd., Nate and Jill Lada's variety of CSA subscriptions, including flowers, greens, and three seasons' worth of produce, also maxed out. They hope this year to do even better.

"Small-scale farming here creates a close-knit community," says Hannah Rose Weber, whose Land Loom grows salad greens, vegetables, herbs, and flowers. Last year, she joined with the Ladas and Ann Arbor Seed Company owner Eric Kampe to form the Green Things Farm Collective, creating a shared farm stand and an online ordering system open to other local food producers.

"I want to believe that Covid encouraged people to build new and permanent habits," Weber says. "We saw amazing interest in locally grown produce last year, and it seems to be holding steady. People are realizing the value of supporting their local economy and eating fresh, minimally handled organic produce."

Fourteen months after Michigan's first shutdown, "the Ann Arbor Farmers Market is excited *not* to be closing," Stauffer says. Tantre is just one of ten vendors there offering CSAs this year; customers pick up their boxes or bags at their farmers' stalls or call for curbside pickup.

"CSAs didn't cut into our vendors' business. If anything, they help us," Stauffer says. "When people come to claim their CSAs, they walk through the market and buy from other sellers."

That's also been the experience of Arbor Farms Market. Six years ago, the store pitched the idea of CSAs to its produce suppliers, most of them Amish farmers, all of them Michigan based. "They were happy to relinquish the sales, travel, and effort to man booths at farmers' markets," says Arbor Farms vice president Robert Cantelon. "Our customers come to support local farmers and small businesses: Michigan's craft beers, fine wines, organic produce, grass-fed beef, organic pork, and deli-made foods prepared with local products, so they were open to CSAs—but last year our CSA sales doubled."

Last year, an Andres family trust purchased a 160-acre farm at the corner of Zeeb and Scio Church Rds. Tantre is now converting its corn fields into orchards, fruit beds, and organic vegetable beds. And newcomers also are plowing and planting in the CSA field.

Adam Mitchel, a thirty-year veteran of the food industry, bought a longtime sheep farm in 2017 and established Country Valley Farm northeast of town. After initially selling his crops wholesale, he's launching a CSA program this year. On two acres, he produces an impressive array of garlic, onions, asparagus, potatoes, culinary and medicinal herbs, and wildflowers, thanks to biointensive plantings and blow tunnels.

"Everything we do is by hand," Mitchel says. "We focus on soil health, the best seeds, timing our plantings so the minute one crop is done, the next is in the ground." To give his CSA members "a generous share and variety," he has partnered with other farmers to expand his offerings. "We love food, and we want to become part of our local economy," he says, "so our customers can connect a face with what they're buying."

Samuel Neupane's is another new face. At the urging of his wife, Sumina, and with the assistance of a small federal grant, Neupane has turned his hobby garden into a business he calls Pakhabari—a Nepali term he translates as "small produce farm well attended near the house." He hired Donald Schwartz to manage the thirteen-acre property on Ellsworth Rd., and together they've designed and built two geothermal-heated, high-tower houses. They plan to build four more this summer, and are in the process of getting organic certification.

"Last year changed everything in my life and career," says Neupane, who previously worked in the computer field. "I spent a lot of time thinking about changes—in my life, in my career, and in our world. My family is so happy with this decision."

Pakhabari's CSA shares, packed in bushel-size tote bags, will start with microgreens in May and eventually feature seventy-five heirloom vegetables as crops ripen. Schwartz estimates they will be able to support 200 year-round shares the first year.

"It's very exciting for us to become full-time farmers. It's a new energy," Neupane says. "The Covid news was so depressing, but there is nothing more energizing and exciting than watching plants grow and produce food. I believe this is the right time to enter the CSA market because people are spending more time in the kitchen cooking and feeding their families."

The Green Things Collective and Country Valley represent a new kind of "hybrid" CSA that features locally canned or prepared foods as well as vegetables. "The state of Michigan is on a tear to develop and promote a cottage food industry," says Arbor Farms' Cantelon. "These days, Michigan farmers and small local businesses find it much easier to get licensing and sell directly to the consumer, circumventing brick-and-mortar stores. Michigan is becoming a food hub, and Covid-19 helped spur that process."

CSA pioneer Tantre joined the hybrid movement last year with its Immunobooster program. It combines a week-by-week share of produce plus locally prepared foods—everything from maple syrup and honey to sauerkraut, homemade bread, desserts, quiches, tempeh, and salads.

"We're not only promoting healthy eating but also local businesses," says manager Ryan Poe. "Brick-and-mortar stores mark prices up thirty-five percent or more. Our margins are minimal."

Last year the Immunobooster program averaged between 100 and 175 weekly shares, which translated into 4,500 to 6,000 pounds of produce each week. Over the course of its first year, Poe involved as many as thirty farms and farm-based businesses, everything from bakeries to brineries and local meat packers.

"It's morphed into a local food club," Poe says. "But we're reaching a critical point now.

"Will Americans go back to their pre-pandemic pattern of buying, or have we convinced them of the merits of locally grown organic foods and the merits of supporting local farmers?"

Cantelon is optimistic. "The last year has seen a huge shift in the way we eat and entertain," he notes. "People are learning to cook, and they're buying the best ingredients."

Land Loom's Weber sees benefits for growers and consumers alike. "Small-scale regenerative farming is a business unlike any other," she says. "It offers diversity of product, consideration of ecological systems, a personal touch, and community capital."

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brinery tempeh now at miss kim!

Times reporters were elated to get the scoop on a new, local collaboration that's the stuff of Ann Arbor food scene dreams. Miss Kim's menu now features tempeh from The Brinery—the Ann Arbor-based maker of living, raw, and unpasteurized fermented foods like sauerkraut, tempeh, and hot sauce. Diners report The Brinery's tempeh has a divine nutty flavor, meaty texture, and unparalleled freshness in Miss Kim dishes like Korean fried tempeh. The Brinery shares:

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Miss Kim's chef, Ji Hye Kim, talks about her technique in cooking and serving tempeh:

> *I first marinate the tempeh in rice syrup and soy sauce, then give it a hard sear on the grill. The aroma of aged protein in tempeh reminds me of dry-aged beef a lot, actually. We serve it in two ways—lightly battered and deep fried with dips on the side, or marinated in soy garlic bulgogi sauce, pan fried, and served over bibimbob. Both are hearty and deeply satisfying in a mushroomy, meaty, and nutty way. And I'm happy to use a great local product and support a fellow food entrepreneur.*

Readers interested in tasting this community collaboration can visit Miss Kim's online menu and order at misskimtogo.square.site.

international food tours booking for 2022

Local travel guide Zingerman's Food Tours takes culinary adventurers to the source of amazing food and people from Israel to Italy to Morocco and beyond. After more than a year of suspending their wanderlust due to the pandemic, the hosts and guests are looking forward to travelling again. They have announced their 2022 itineraries that include making pasta in a Tuscan village, tasting Champagne with the makers in France, cooking tagine in a tent in Morocco, and much more. Here at *The Times*, our travel editors were drawn to the idea of kicking off 2022 in a big way with their tasting and sightseeing tour of Vienna, Austria and Budapest, Hungary December 27, 2021 through January 2, 2022. You could spend the first day of the new year enjoying a traditional Hungarian lunch designed for good luck followed by cruising the Danube River. Much more memorable than organizing your closets or dusting off your treadmill at home. Give yourself something to look forward to and start planning your trip today. All Zingerman's Food Tours include hotel accommodations, most meals, cooking and tasting experiences, and transportation between tour stops.

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mother's day top 5 gifts

An informal poll conducted around *The Times* revealed that many Mother's Day presents had yet to be procured, so our reporters have tracked down 5 gifts that will make it to Mom on time:

1. Mother's Day Weekender Gift Box

This giant wooden crate is stuffed with sweet and savory foods that are sure to satisfy Mom's every craving, whether she'd like to nosh on a brownie, a beef stick, or a thick slice of artisan bread.

2. Customizable 5-Gelato Gift

A poll of *Times* staffers confirmed that 5 out of 5 moms would all like to have 5 gelati made with fresh milk from Calder Dairy—one of the last farmstead dairies in Michigan—organic Demerara sugar, and an array of other great ingredients.

3. Coffee of the Month Club

Long assumed to have endless amounts of energy, we've learned that mothers sometimes rely on coffee to sustain their super powers. Fuel her ability to keep kiddo capers in check with a regular supply of caffeine.

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outdoor dining opportunities abound at zingerman's

It put a spring in the steps of *The Times* warm-weather correspondents when they discovered multiple opportunities for dining alfresco across the Zingerman's Community of Businesses.

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On the Southside of town, a hungry *Times* crew enjoyed a veritable feast—with satisfying sustenance procured from **Zingerman's Bakehouse, Candy, Creamery,** and **Coffee**—and the option to enjoy it at tables in front of the Coffee Company or in the courtyard by the Bakehouse.

And, regular readers no doubt recall our intrepid dining reporter's adventures last month at Roadhouse Park, the tree-filled outdoor dining area at **Zingerman's Roadhouse**, where carry-out and drinks can be enjoyed amongst the trees.

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Chefs in Motion

Pop-ups add flavor to Ann Arbor's dining scene.

On a mid-April afternoon a sudden downpour pelted the big white open-air tent behind Cultivate Coffee and Tap House in Ypsilanti's Depot Town.

But inside, John Moors, aka Lucha Puerco, was readying his flat top grill to prepare tacos and quesadillas, as his wife Stephanie stood by to call out orders.

Next to him, Gabriel Recendiz, the owner of Guadalupe's, was getting ready to fry taquitos, with help from his mother, the stand's namesake.

Their friend Basil Babe—real name Haluthai "Thai" Inhmathong—stood ready to package carry out containers. Chef G—Gregorio DiMarco—cheered them on.

All four are all part of the area's fast-growing pop-up food scene, participating in regular events at locations that include Cultivate, York, Zal Gaz Grotto, and the Ann Arbor Distilling Company.

Pop-ups are taking place on many weeknights, and pretty much every weekend, with new sellers appearing regularly. The mobile chefs have avid followings on Instagram and Facebook, which are the best way to find out where they'll be next.

Their hosts are happy to have them. "We have a great garden, and a great following of people. The pop-ups all have a great following," says Cultivate's owner, Sara Demorest. "It's fun to make people happy."

"It's a cross-marketing deal," adds Tommy York, a co-founder of York on Packard Road. "Lots of people from the Detroit suburbs and even Ann Arbor who may not have heard of us come to buy their food and our beer and wine. It helps make sure there is a steady stream of people who are enjoying themselves."

A few pop-ups already have become permanent places, like Side Biscuit, the tiny shop on Packard co-owned by Demorest and Jordan Balduf (Observer, April 2021). It is now selling out of its spicy chicken wings nearly every night, including a special named for Basil Babe.

For others, the events are their own style of entrepreneurship.

"We have three or four items. People buy them, they like them, we sell out, and we're done," says DiMarco, who's currently doing Cuban sandwiches. "More than ever, creativity is accepted, when it comes to food."

That freedom is attracting newcomers like Recendiz, a graduate of Eastern and a veteran of restaurants such as Don Juan. At Cultivate, his first-ever pop-up, he sold out of taquitos in thirty minutes.

Along with his mother, he had help from a former boss, Vasanna Inhmathong—he'd cooked for her at Siam Square.

A few days later, Thai Inhmathong held her own Basil Babe pop-up at Thai Spoon on Ellsworth Rd., where she offered five flavors of homemade dumplings, including shiitake mushroom and bok choy, and red curry chicken.

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John Moors, aka Lucha Puerco, started out selling tacos from his Ypsilanti driveway.

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"Basil Babe"—Thai Inhmathong—soothed her pandemic nerves by making dumplings. Now she's selling them at pop-ups and York.

At 11:30 a.m., a line was already forming for the noon event, where Inhmathong got help from her mother and Recendiz. Among her customers was another pop-up mom, Barb Moors, whose first stop was at a brunch event her son held at York.

"It's such a wonderful way for people to get together and eat interesting things." she says of the pop-up scene.

Thai Inhmathong graduated from Eastern with a communications and marketing degree, and worked at advertising firms in Birmingham and Detroit.

But for her, the corporate world was a poor fit. "I was so stressed, and anxious, every single day, and I didn't feel like I had any creative freedom," she says.

During the pandemic, she began making dumplings to soothe her nerves, then started taking orders from friends, to whom she offered home delivery.

When production hit 12,000 pieces, she decided to start doing weekly events across the area, along with selling frozen dumplings at York.

The pop-up proliferation delights Tommy York.

In 2019, when he and new partners reconceived the former Morgan & York, he says they wanted to de-emphasize York's food menu, focus more on selling alcoholic drinks, and turn the store into a "community neighborhood oasis" (Observer, August 2019).

That led to the creation of York Yard alongside the building, with some tables under a tent and others in the open, allowing dining to adhere to pandemic protocols.

Ricewood, previously a food truck, now sells barbecue inside, while Bao Boys, a truck selling Chinese-style steamed buns, operates outside. York hosts pop-ups on Friday and Saturday nights, and during the day on Sunday, often with a DJ. (A plan for more evening events was scuttled by complaints from neighbors, who he says were unhappy at the idea of music and hubbub on weeknights.)

While other venues do not charge chefs a fee, York collects $50 per event, mainly to cover the cost of amenities like spare tanks of propane, extension cords, and lighting that some requested.

The pop-up proprietors keep the rest of the revenue, which can range from $1,000 to $5,000 a night, depending on the type of food and the size of the crowd. Out of that, the pop-ups pay their helpers, buy ingredients, and maintain equipment.

Their hosts provide lots of advice. York helped launch Lucha Puerco, whose owner, Moors, had zero culinary experience before holding his first pop-up last summer.

"I'd never been in a commercial kitchen before," says Moors. Ahead of his first event, "Tommy took me around, and showed me what everyone was. He checked on me every hour, asking me if I needed anything."

Despite his lack of formal culinary chops, Moors says he gained valuable business knowledge working in retail and inventory management at Best Buy, where his wife still works. He loved to cook, and often made hot sauce for friends.

The taco lover subsequently bought a portable grill and started selling food from his Ypsilanti driveway. So many people showed up for one event that it created a traffic jam, he says. Learning quickly, Moors now routinely prepares 200 pounds of meat per pop-up, and can turn out 200 tacos in an hour.

At Cultivate, his menu featured birria quesadillas and tacos, containing stewed beef and accompanied by a zingy consommé used for dipping that was made from the meat drippings, along with a kick of chile.

"My favorite part of this is that I can feed so many people," Moors says.

He has the full backing of his mother, who taught special education for 30 years in the Wayne–Westland public schools. "I looked at him and said, 'You're the happiest I've ever seen you, as an adult, anyway,' " Barb Moors says.

Moors says Balduf, of Side Biscuit, taught him everything from how to cook professionally, to serving customers, and how decide which items to make himself and which to purchase from a vendor. After staying up nights painstakingly producing 600 tortillas for each three-hour event, he found a local source for them.

For now, he isn't anxious to open his own place. "The failure rate in restaurants is huge," he says. With a pop-up, "you can build your brand, build your menu, get a following and there's much less risk."

But Inhmathong, who has quit her day job to focus on dumplings, believes "this is definitely going to progress to a brick and mortar. There's so much interest—everything I make is selling out—that it's inevitable," she says.

York says he'd love to see local landlords cut deals on vacant restaurant spaces, so pop-up owners can progress. "If we're do our job right," he says, "they won't be here long."

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After recently deciding to increase my recycling efforts at home, I wondered what I could do to reduce food waste. A family member reminded me that they'd seen a **Flash Food** cooler at a local Meijer. That led me to the Toronto-based company's website, which says that it "helps thousands of people feed their families affordably" by connecting them with stores selling food that's near its best-by date at steep discounts.

I downloaded the Flash Food app and saw that the Meijer store on Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. had food available for pickup. I chose a muffin mini variety pack and a lunch pack of Oscar Mayer rotisserie chicken, both half off at $1.99; a pack of chopped ham for 99¢; and a box of assorted fruit for $5. I paid $9.97 and got a digital receipt.

Pickup began with a visit to the service desk, where one worker turned to another who turned to a third who picked up a device that I assume had the needed information. He checked the receipt on my phone, then led me to the Fast Food cooler.

I was pleasantly surprised with the quality of the food. I'd wondered about the fruit, but the lemon, oranges, and red apples came neatly packed and in good condition. And I was happy to learn that in addition to saving $8, I had spared the planet one mile's worth of CO_2.

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Marketplace Changes

by Micheline Maynard

A Trio of New Owners

At Top Drawer, Lodi Farms, and Bill's Beer Garden

The **Top Drawer** consignment clothing shop on South Industrial Hwy. closed briefly at the end of February, when founders Diane Norman and Kathy Buhr retired. In mid-April, it sprang back to life under new owners Alicia Frenette and Brittany Tobias.

Frenette is originally from Holland, Michigan, while Tobias grew up in Kalamazoo. Both moved to Ann Arbor with their husbands to raise their families. Frenette is the mother of three grown children, while Tobias has two youngsters.

The women met in 2014, and both became frequent Top Drawer shoppers. At some point, Tobias mentioned to Norman that she'd be interested in buying the store when the founders were ready to retire.

When the moment came, Norman got in touch with Tobias to see if she was serious. Tobias then called Frenette.

"She asked me if I would want to do it" with her, Frenette recalls. She quickly agreed. Since buying the shop, "my love for Top Drawer is growing," she says. "We're having a blast."

During the downtime they installed new carpet, painted, rearranged the fixtures, and gave the shop "a lighter look," Tobias says.

Top Drawer plans to carry the same brands as its predecessor, but Tobias says there will be more focus on active wear and business-casual clothing, reflecting what's become popular during the pandemic. They sell a full range of sizes, from petite to plus.

"I hope we can capture all the women who loved us before," Tobias says.

At press time, the store had a mix of designer items, such as silk blouses (they recently sold a Dolce & Gabbana top for $175 that retailed at $995), shoes, and purses. The handbag inventory included a collection of Kate Spade bags, new with tags, and some Coach pieces.

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Alicia Frenette and Brittany Tobias started out as customers at Top Drawer. When founders Diane Norman and Kathy Buhr retired, they bought the shop.

J. ADRIAN WYLIE

MSU landscape and nursery management grads Greg and Sheena Wilson bought Lodi Farms from Dan and Jane Riddle.

There is now a drawer full of toys, both for sale and to occupy little ones while their parents shop. Tobias, who has a one-year-old, says, "We want to be the kind of place that appeals to new moms."

In coming weeks, Tobias plans to update Top Drawer's website and promote the store on Facebook and Instagram. To reflect that increased marketing expense, she's changed Top Drawer's consignment split.

Instead of the previous 50–50 divide between store and seller, Top Drawer will pay consigners 40 percent of the sales price and keep 60 percent.

Tobias hopes the stepped-up marketing effort will sell items faster and in greater volumes. That will let the new owners pay consigners more quickly and sell a larger percentage of the clothes they drop off.

They plan to keep items on the sales floor for one or two seasons. Anything that hasn't sold by then will either be returned to the consigner or donated to a local charity.

Tobias says consigners are welcome to bring in spring and summer clothing during the store's hours and don't need an appointment, although they might want to call first to see whether the store is busy.

The partners say Top Drawer fills a vital resale role. "There are so many holes now, with Treasure Mart and some other stores gone," Tobias says. "We're so excited to keep this shop open."

Top Drawer, 1960 South Industrial Hwy., (734) 994–4646. Mon.–Sat. 11 a.m.–7 p.m. Closed Sun. topdrawera2.com

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Greg Wilson grew up in Ann Arbor and met his wife, Sheena, when they were students at Michigan State. After both earned degrees in landscape and nursery management, Greg founded Canopy Landscapes with his brother Alex in 2002.

They started out mowing lawns and gradually grew Canopy into a full-service firm, offering lawn maintenance, planting, landscape design, and water features, as well as snow removal and holiday lighting installation.

But Greg and Sheena had a lingering dream. "We always talked about having a garden center," Greg says. "We've been in the landscaping business for nineteen years, and it seemed like a next good fit."

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Dan and Jane Riddle, longtime owners of **Lodi Farms.** They had drafted a five-year plan towards retirement, which included selling the property, Jane said in a note to the Observer.

The Riddles also started out as landscape contractors. They founded Timberscapes in 1986, moved it to the corner of Wagner and Waters Rds. in 1988, and in 1992 bought the property, added a retail nursery, and changed the name to Lodi Farms.

After the Riddles answered the ad last May, the two couples corresponded for several weeks. "We didn't know them at all," Greg says. After meeting in July to walk the property, and following subsequent negotiations, the Wilsons became Lodi's new owners.

The Riddles have moved to Grand Haven and continue to operate a fifty-six-acre wholesale tree farm in Parma, which has been renamed Trees of the Field, taken from the Bible verse Isaiah 55:12.

A confidentiality agreement kept the Riddles from announcing the sale before now, Jane emails.

"I couldn't say anything to my customers, so I didn't get to say goodbye," she writes. "In 28 years, my customers were really my friends, and I'll miss everyone."

The Wilsons have incorporated Canopy Landscapes into Lodi's location and have made extensive updates to the property.

The garden area has been redesigned, and they plan to add more annuals like ground covers, as well as shrubs, seeds, and vegetable seedlings to Lodi's lineup.

By fall or next spring, Greg expects to offer more bulk material, such as different types of mulch, and he plans to sell more decorative garden items.

For now, however, combining the two businesses and getting Lodi's spring business going have taken all their attention. "The whole industry is insanely busy," Greg says.

Some commuters who've switched to working from home have discovered gardening and are eager to learn more. "The nursery business is getting off to a brisk start this season," he says.

As a result, Lodi is opening earlier each day and will be open for six Sundays in May and June, the height of the spring planting season.

The extra hours won't necessarily mean bigger profits, however. "Revenue doesn't change that much in the landscaping world. It's how much work you can accomplish," Greg says.

He hopes to conduct gardening workshops down the road, but Lodi "doesn't have the space to do it right now," he says.

Nor does he want to spread himself too thin. The Wilsons, parents of three-and-a-half-year-old son Finn, expected a new baby to arrive in April. "It's going to be a busy spring," he says.

Lodi Farms Nursery, 2880 S. Wagner Rd, (734) 665–5651. Mon.–Fri. 8 a.m.–5 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Sun. in May and June 11 a.m.–3 p.m. lodifarms.com

Nine years ago, Bill Zolkowski and longtime friend Mark Hodesh opened **Bill's Beer Garden** in the south parking lot at Downtown Home & Garden, then owned by Hodesh.

It was the first completely outdoor beer garden in Michigan, and it took some convincing for the state to approve a license for what was a 162-seat enterprise, selling craft beer and wine. But they pulled it off, and when Hodesh became sole owner in 2016, he kept the Bill's name.

Hodesh sold Downtown Home to Kelly Vore in 2014 and closed Mark's Carts, a food court on Washington, in 2017. But until last year, he still owned the beer garden, and he then quietly began a legal process to sell it.

The transition was finalized in mid-March. Bill's Beer Garden is now officially owned by Scot Greig, the proprietor of Ypsilanti-based Tavern Management.

Greig, who according to public records also owns the Necto dance club, says the pair decided not to announce the change but let the news seep out "organically." Unlike Hodesh, one of downtown's most visible personalities, Greig says he'd rather stay behind the scenes. "I tell people I'm the janitor," he jokes.

Asked whether he plans any major changes, Greig replies, "Not a thing."

But people who might not have visited the beer garden since the pandemic began will notice a few differences. The most notable is a six-person limit on the size of parties that can sit at the beer garden's now socially distanced tables.

Groups standing in line on Ashley or Liberty must be six feet apart; water is served from inside the shed; and patrons must wear masks when they are not drinking or eating (olives are available only for the first hour of service).

Sadly, Greig says the beer garden won't host any large events in 2021, which means there won't be any festivities like the Issues & Ale presentations by Michigan Radio or concerts put on by the University Musical Society, which filled the property in the past.

But this year, the beer garden reopened on schedule in March, and Greig says its former owner is often on hand. "Mark is down here probably ten nights out of fourteen," he says.

Bill's Beer Garden, 218 S. Ashley, (734) 369–8001. Hours and days change monthly; see billsbeergarden.com/hours.

Briefly noted

In December 2015, Nick Ma opened **Nagomi Sushi Downtown,** an offshoot of the original Nagomi Sushi on Plymouth Rd. (Observer, March 2016).

This past December, the lease came up for renewal, giving Ma's cousin, Tiffany Kim, a chance to run her own sushi restaurant.

Although a sign for Nagomi is still attached to the building's west wall, it's now officially **Kanbu Sushi Downtown,** and Kim has updated the restaurant's logo and menu.

Kanbu, which means "executive" or "leader" in Japanese, is squarely aimed at the tastes of college students, even though there weren't many in Ann Arbor when she took charge. "It was a bad time to start a restaurant," she says, laughing.

But business began picking up in March, when the state allowed restaurants to resume indoor seating at half their previous capacity. "Ever since dining has been at 50 percent [capacity], that's helped us a lot," says Kim, who's been involved in the family restaurants for ten years.

Two menu items allow diners to create their own combinations from a lengthy list of choices. Cupbop, also known as a poké bowl or a donburi, starts with a base of white, sushi, or brown rice, priced at $1.50 to $3. Diners choose from a list of proteins, ranging from fried tofu at $2 to eel or bulgogi (Korean beef) at $5. Next, they add toppings, which range from 75¢ for most veggies to $2.50 for octopus salad, and their choice of sauces, from sweet chili sauce at 30¢ to wine sauce for 50¢.

Customers can also create custom-made rolls. Like cupbop, these start with a choice of white or brown rice, but then there's a choice of wrapper—the traditional seaweed sheet or edible soybean "paper" in pink, yellow, green, or sesame for $1 more.

There are also traditional sushi rolls, ranging from avocado and cucumber, at $3.50, to spicy tuna and shrimp tempura at $8. Diners can add toppings, such as avocado at $2.50 or cooked shrimp at $5, and a sauce, like those available for the bowls.

Kanbu also offers a long list of tortilla-wrapped sushi burritos. In addition to the same ingredients that go into sushi rolls, these can be filled with bibimbap, bulgogi, and three types of katsu—fish, chicken, or pork. They range in price from $12 to $14.

Kanbu's extensive menu also includes a variety of other sushi rolls, sashimi, and Japanese and Korean dishes.

The restaurant won't be the only Liberty St. establishment to bear the Kanbu name. A few doors east, Kim also plans to open a grocery called **Kanbu Asian Mart.**

At press time, she was waiting for shelves to arrive, as well as a license from the state. "It's coming soon," she says of the store.

Kanbu Sushi Downtown, 241 E. Liberty, (734) 369–3272. Daily 11 a.m.– 8:30 p.m. kanbusushidowntown.com

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Lauren Roumayah has opened her second **Detroit Cookie Company** location at 609 E. William, previously Hunter House Hamburgers.

Though she got her degree from Wayne State in fashion merchandising, the lifelong baker says she preferred making treats for her classmates, and decided that she wanted to become a "cookie lady."

Roumayah opened her first store in Ferndale in 2015, while working as a mortgage underwriter. She's since been able to embrace the cookie business full-time.

Her generously sized cookies have drawn rave reviews from some of my Ann Arbor neighbors, who kept an eye on Roumayah's Facebook posts until her local shop opened, then pounced on her selection.

The cookies range in price from $2 to $5 each. A half dozen costs $12, while a dozen is $22. She offers between fifteen and twenty-five varieties. Basics include chocolate chip, peanut butter, and browned butter pecan, as well as Big 3, which has Better Made potato chips, Michigan dried cherries, and chocolate chips.

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More adventuresome varieties include Mad Mix, with barbecued potato chips and crushed Butterfinger bars. There's also Cap N' Berry-O, which has Cap 'n Crunch's Crunch Berries cereal, Oreos, and rainbow sprinkles.

Roumayah also offers a regularly rotating selection of brownies and blondies at $7 each, plus cinnamon rolls on weekends. Gluten-free and vegan cookies can be baked on request. Cookies, coffee and T-shirts can be shipped via her website.

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Closings

Red Shoes, the beloved gift shop that sold artwork, vintage items, and unusual objects, closed following the death in December of owner Catherine Thursby, who died of complications that followed surgery, according to her obituary on MLive.com.

Thursby, an artist, founded Red Shoes on Ashley St. in 2004 and moved to Lamp Post Plaza on E. Stadium two years ago (Observer, November 2019).

But in those years, Red Shoes closed several times, while Thursby underwent treatment for breast cancer and during her mother's breast cancer battle.

At the Stadium location, Red Shoes' displays included everything from handcrafted potholders to decorated canvas bags, a large birdcage, and a children's section with stuffed animals.

Quaint and cozy, the shop echoed the original location in a house on Ashley. But Thursby bristled at some descriptions of her inventory.

"I hate the word 'whimsical,'" she told the Observer's Sabine Bickford at the time. "I can't stand that word. A lot of people describe me as that, and it drives me bonkers. I like to say that I'm fun and playful…

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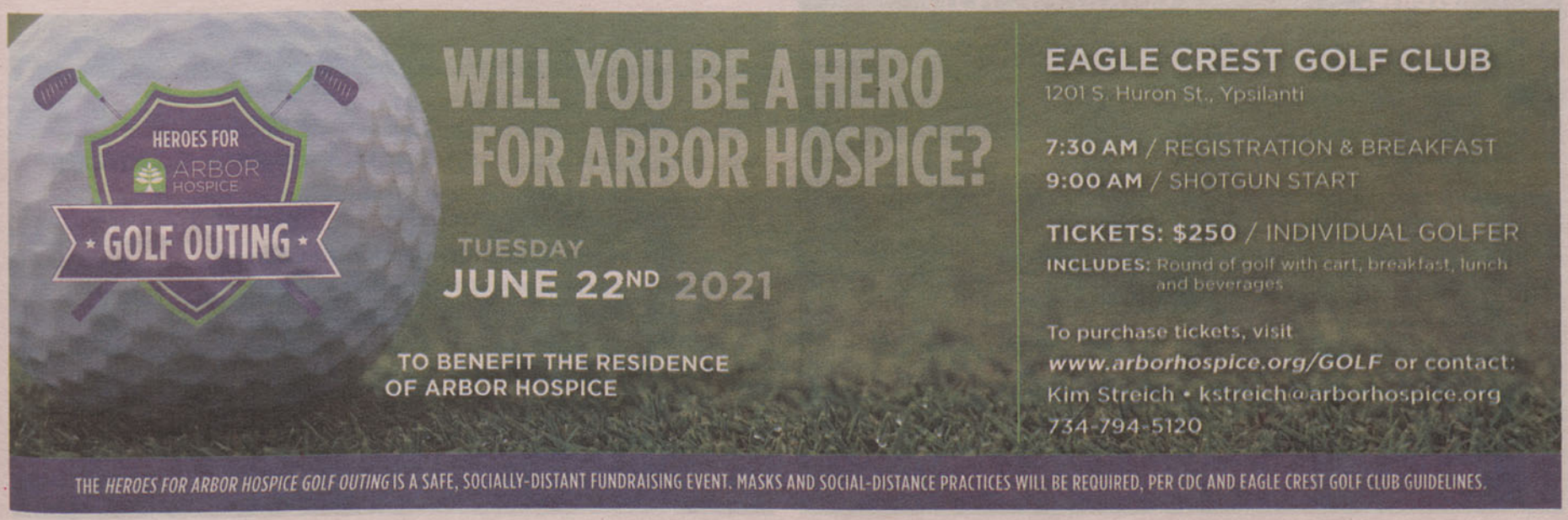
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If you value what UMS adds to the quality of life in our community, please consider a donation to the UMS *Forward* Fund, which will provide funding over the next 2-3 seasons to help offset projected operational deficits.

May Events

SENIORS

47 Events this month
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53 Viewings this month
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GALLERIES

50 Exhibits this month
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KIDS CALENDAR

56 Events for kids 12 and under
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TIPS FOR READING

This month's calendar includes both online and in-person events. Due to the **Covid-19 pandemic,** all listed in-person events are contingent upon the venue's operational status. Published events reflect plans as of press day (19 April), while the most up-to-date calendar is available at **AnnArborObserver.com.**

Our online calendar is not only an expanded version of the print calendar but is also continually updated and searchable. It includes listings, submitted by the public, of classes, religious services, political activities, and other types of events not suitable for print.

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All phone numbers have area code (734), unless otherwise noted.

Recurrent events are listed only on the date of their 1st occurrence, except for performing arts, which are always listed on each day they occur. Thus, the first week of each month will always contain information about events throughout the month.

We want to know about your event!

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What gets in?

We give priority to Ann Arbor entertainment and other leisure events, but we also list activities elsewhere in Washtenaw County deemed of interest to our readers.

Please submit materials as early as possible; items submitted after the 10th might not be included in the print calendar but will be added to our online calendar at **AnnArborObserver.com.** Due to space limitations, many listings, especially for weekday daytime and recurrent events, appear only in the online calendar.

1 SATURDAY

12th Annual Ride for Recovery: Dawn Farm Fundraiser. *Apr. 25–May 25.* Ride, run, walk, or roll from any location. Entry fee includes a race bib, event shirt, and a finisher medal. *All day, anywhere. $25 registration required at DawnFarmRideForRecovery.org. RideForRecovery@dawnfarm.org, 485–8725.*

"Trial by Jury" and "Cox and Box": U-M Gilbert & Sullivan Society. *Apr. 30–May 2.* This popular local troupe premieres 2 one-act comic operas, prerecorded and edited into a film. Lori Gould directs *Trial by Jury* (1875), Gilbert & Sullivan's earliest surviving collaboration. The plot, a lampoon of a breach-of-promise trial, is one of Gilbert's zaniest and most biting satires. Adellyn Geenen directs *Cox and Box* (1866), a musical adaptation of John Maddison Morton's immensely popular Victorian farce about a conniving landlord who rents an apartment to 2 different tenants, one who works days and one who works nights—and both of whom are also unwittingly engaged to the same woman. F. C. Burnham, later the editor of *Punch,* wrote the script to go with a Sullivan score that sparkles with an exuberance and freshness evocative of English music halls. *Available online Apr. 30 at noon through May 2 for 12 hours after you start watching. For URL and tickets (individuals, $12; students & seniors, $10; household of 4 or less, $15; group viewing of 4 or more, $20), see muto.umich.edu.*

★**Tunde Olaniran: University Musical Society Digital Presentation.** *Apr. 30–May 10.* Detroit video artist Oren Goldenberg directs a multimedia performance by Flint singer-songwriter Olaniran, a current UMS artist-in-residence, who describes their electronic pop music as "the lovechild of Prince, Kanye West, and Kraftwerk." *Available online all day at ums.org/performance/ums-live-session-tunde-olaniran. Free. 764–2538.*

★**"Ann Arbor Group Runs": Running Fit.** *Every Sat. & Mon.,* Runners of all abilities invited to join a run of 3–14 miles along varying routes from different Running Fit locations. Also, a speed-training session (every Tues. 6 p.m., 5700 Jackson Rd.). Rain, snow, or shine. *8 a.m. (Sat.), 5700 Jackson Rd. and 6 p.m. (Mon.), 123 E. Liberty. Free. 769–5016 (Mon.), 929–9022 (Sat.).*

Just Between Friends Sale. *Apr. 29–May 2.* Show and sale of maternity items, baby and children's clothes, toys, and baby gear. *3–8 p.m. (Thurs.), 10 a.m.–7 p.m. (Fri.), & 9 a.m.–noon (Sat. & Sun.), Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. Free, but $3 "priority pass" allows you to cut the line if capacity is full and there is a wait. Preregistration required at bit.ly/jbfsale2021. sarahgarot@jbfsale.com.*

seniors

U-M Turner Senior Wellness Program. Free virtual activities. For URL, email info.tswp@umich.edu or call 998–9353. **Tai Chi.** Beginners welcome. Mon., Wed., & Fri., noon–12:30 p.m. **"Walking Off the Pounds."** Guided steps to walk in place. Mon., Wed., & Fri., 12:30–1 p.m. **"Writing, Reflections, and Conversations."** May 3, 1–3 p.m. **"Una Tertulia."** Socializing group for Spanish speakers. May 4 & 18, 3–4 p.m. **"Personality Disorders: Narcissism, Borderline, and Others Explained."** Talk by Michigan Medicine psychiatrists Nick Morcos and Carrie Tamarelli. May 5, 10–11:30 a.m. **Monthly Craft Group.** Bring a project to work on and socialize. May 20, 3–4:30 p.m.

Every Wed. (10–11 a.m.): **"Mind Matters": Ann Arbor Senior Center.** AASC rec supervisor Brittany Ruthven leads various mental exercises from Nancy Linde's 2012 book *399 Games, Puzzles & Trivia Challenges Specifically Designed to Keep Your Brain Young. Online at bit.ly/mindmattersapril. Free. bpatton@a2gov.org, 794–6250.*

Every Thurs. (noon–1 p.m.): **"Lunch Break Club": Ann Arbor Senior Center.** All invited to discuss a weekly topic related to warm weather activities & traditions led by AASC rec supervisor Brittany Ruthven, or just sit back and listen. *Online at bit.ly/lunchbreakapril. Free. bpatton@a2gov.org, 794–6250.*

May 4 & 18 (1–2 p.m.): **"Live Trivia": Ann Arbor Senior Center.** All invited to form (or join) a team of 4 or 5 persons to compete in a 2-round trivia contest. Questions geared towards ages 55 & up, but all ages welcome. Prizes (curbside pickup only). *Online at bit.ly/apriltrivia. Free. bpatton@a2gov.org, 794–6250.*

May 12 (noon): **"From Furs to Fudge: Mackinac's Rich History": First Presbyterian Church Lunch and Learn.** Talk by Mackinac State Historic Parks director emeritus Phil Porter. *Free. For URL, email mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.*

May 19 (noon–1 p.m.): **"April Showers Bring May Flowers Drive-Thru Event": Ann Arbor Senior Center.** Drive through the Senior Center parking lot and pick up free flowers, plant-themed goodies, donuts, and drinks. Masks required. *Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. Free, but preregistration requested by emailing bpatton@a2gov.org. 794–6250.*

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★**"The Fight for the Right to Organize: From the Wagner Act to the PRO Act": Washtenaw County Democratic Party.** Panel discussion featuring Huron Valley Area Labor Federation president **Ian Robinson** and others TBA on the growing gap between workers' legal right to organize and workplace realities. Also, congresswoman Debbie Dingell and local state representative Donna Lasinski give an update on federal and state happenings and Washtenaw County Commissioner Justin Hodges discusses recent initiatives from his office. *9 a.m.–noon or so, for URL see WashtenawDems.org/calendar; available for on-demand viewing on YouTube (search "Washtenaw Dems"). Free. 883–8250.*

★**"Heckuva Hike": Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission.** WCPARC naturalist Kelsey Dehring leads a 3-mile hike through one of the most botanically rich areas in the county, featuring more than 260 species of wildflowers. Limited to 10 people; masks required. *10 a.m.–noon, meet at Sharon Mills County Park, north lot, 5701 Sharon Hollow Rd. Free, but preregistration required at dehringk@washtenaw.org.*

★**"Arbor Day Free Tree Giveaway": City of Ann Arbor Office of Sustainability & Innovations.** *May 1 & 2.* Pick up a conifer seedling to plant. *10 a.m.–7 p.m., for location and preregistration (required) see a2gov.org/10ktrees. Free. sreynolds@a2gov.org.*

★**Chime Concert: Kerrytown Shops.** *Every Wed. & Sat.* Local chimemaster Heather O'Neal plays tunes on this 17-bell chime. *10:30–11 a.m. (Sat.) & noon–12:30 p.m. (Wed.), Kerrytown Market & Shops. Free.*

★**Susan Hamady: The Guild of Artists & Artisans.** Show and sale of works by this local mixed-media painter. *11 a.m.–5 p.m., Gutman Gallery, 118 N. 4th Ave. Free. elizabeth@theguild.org.*

★**"Arena Rock Seasonal Show": School of Rock Ann Arbor.** Performances by adult and student rock bands. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. *Noon, School of Rock lawn, 6101 Jackson. Free. 686–3333.*

"Spring Color Walk": Hudson Mills Metropark Interpretive Nature Programs. A 1-mile walk on the nature trail. Participants are doused with colored powder along the way. T-shirts. Staggered start times to enforce social distancing; masks required. *1–3 p.m., park activity center, 8801 North Territorial Rd., Dexter. $7. Preregistration required by Apr. 30, 4 p.m. $10 vehicle entrance fee. 426–8211.*

"Creature Encounters": The Creature Conservancy. *Every Sat. & Sun.* Conservancy staffers show off animals native to Eurasia, including a binturong (aka bearcat), Siberian lynx, Burmese python, and Russian tortoise. Guests invited to view other animals on display, including an albino alligator, macaws, sloths, and more. Masks required. *1–2:30 p.m. & 3–4:30 p.m., Creature Conservancy, 4950 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. $10 (kids ages 2–12, $8; age 2 & under, free) in advance only at TheCreatureConservancy.org (capacity limited). 929–9324.*

★**"Saturday Sampler": U-M Kelsey Museum of Archaeology.** *May 1, 8, 15, & 22.* Livestream docent-led themed tours. Q&A. *May 1:* **"Egyptian Burial Practices and the Afterlife."** *May 8:* **"Animals in the Ancient World."** *May 15:* **"Goddesses of the Kelsey Museum."** *May 22:* **"A Brief History of Ancient Egypt in 6 Objects."** *2–3 p.m., for URL see myumi.ch/WwDXA. Free. 764–9304.*

★**"TriviaTime!": Ann Arbor District Library.** *Every Sat. & Wed.* Local sisters Katie and Abbie throw out themed questions for anyone to answer in the YouTube chat box. *7–7:30 p.m. (Sat.) & 4–4:30 p.m. (Wed.), online at AADL.tv (a YouTube channel). Free. 327–4200.*

★**"Saturday Slam!/Open Mic!": Northside Community Church.** *Every Sat., except May 29.* Socially distanced performances by various local musicians, featuring U-M music, theater, and dance students, NCC resident musicians, and others TBA. Open windows for cross ventilation, so dress warmly. Masks required. *4:30 p.m. (doors open at 4:20 p.m.), Northside Community Church, 929 Barton Dr. Free, but preregistration required by leaving a voice or text message at 649–7948 or emailing NorthsideCommunityA2@gmail.com.*

★**"Derby Day Soirée @ Your Place": Ele's Place Ann Arbor Fundraiser.** Livestream of 147th Annual Kentucky Derby, along with a trivia contest on Kentucky Derby history, silent and live auctions, and remarks by Ele's Place director Bree Arvai. Also, "Party in a Box," available for pickup, includes a 4-pack of Ann Arbor Distillery cocktails ($35) and/or Katherine's Catering hearty Southern-inspired hors d'oeuvres and desserts for 5 ($200) or 10 ($400) people. Emcee is Chuck Colby, a vocalist for the popular Michigan-based a cappella quartet Three Men and a Tenor. *6–7:30 p.m., for URL preregister at ElesPlaceAnnArbor.org. Free, but donations encouraged. sbodner1@elesplace.org.*

"Ties That Bind: A Trio of One-Acts": EMU Theatre Department. *Apr. 23–25 & 30 and May 1 & 2.* EMU theater professor Pirooz Aghssa directs EMU students in a recorded production of 3 short dramas by playwrights from marginalized communities. Maria Irene Fornes's ***Drowning*** (1980s) is an adaptation of the Chekhov story about rejection, Doug Wright's ***On Facebook*** (2013) is about a politicized online conversation on gay marriage, and Matthew Lopez's ***The Sentinels*** (2020) is about 3 widows of men who died in the 9/11 attacks. *7 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.) and 2 p.m. (Sun.), for URL & tickets ($10) see tinyurl.com/EMUTheatreTix. 487–1220.*

"Drum & Dance Jam": Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth. Drumming led by local percussionist Curtis Glatter and undirected free-form dancing. Sanitized drums provided, or bring your own if you'd like. No experience necessary. Masks required; capacity limited to six people. *7:30–9 p.m., Interfaith Center, 704 Airport Blvd., ste. 1. $5 suggested donation. Preregistration required by emailing cgindetmi@gmail.com or calling 972–6098.*

"The Funny Four Team": Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. *Apr. 30 & May 1.* Stand-up comedy showcase with 4 Detroit-area comics. **Bill Hildebrandt** is known for his clever, good-natured, often surprising topical and observational humor; **Sal Demilio** draws much of his material from his experiences growing up in an Italian American family; **Jef Brannan** is a fast-paced, good-natured performer who mixes song parodies with lots of raunchy one-liners, jokes, and jabs at his audience; **Bob Phillips** is a contributing writer to *Funny or Die* who blends together observational, topical, and political humor. Preceded by 2 opening acts. Masks required, except when eating or drinking. *7:30 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.) and 9:30 p.m. (Sat. only), 212 S. Fourth Ave. Tickets $15 reserved seating in advance, $17 general admission at the door (capacity reduced). aaComedy.com, 996–9080.*

Season Finale with Perry So: Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra. Boston-based So, a former Hong Kong Philharmonic conductor, leads string and percussion chamber ensembles from the orchestra in Beethoven's *Grosse Fuge,* Bartók's *Music for Strings, Percussion, and Celesta,* and Heinrich Biber's *Battaglia.* Prerecorded in the Michigan Theater. *8 p.m., on-demand viewing available through June 30. For URL and tickets ($50) see tickets.a2so.com. 994–4801.*

2 SUNDAY

"Bookin' It for Kids": Family Learning Institute. *May 2–9.* At-home fundraiser encouraging participants to read 20 minutes a day and walk or run 20 minutes a day for a week. Fee includes T-shirt and medal. *All day May 2 through May 9, any location. $35, Preregistration required at RunSignUp.com/Race/Events/MI/AnnArbor/BookinItfortheKids. info@FamilyLearningInstitute.org.*

"Trial by Jury" and "Cox and Box": U-M Gilbert & Sullivan Society. See 1 Saturday. All day.

★**Tunde Olaniran: University Musical Society Digital Presentation.** See 1 Saturday. All day.

★**43rd Annual Burns Park Run: Burns Park Elementary School PTO.** The pandemic-edition of this popular family affair offers 5k and 10k suggested courses along beautiful tree-lined streets. Participants are encouraged to run on race day, but can choose to run a day or 2 before. Upload your time online. Prizes for kids age 14 & under. Shirts available. *8–10 a.m., Burns Park, 1700 Wells. Free, but preregistration required at bit.ly/3lh8iTu. BurnsParkRun.org.*

Sunday Artisan Market. *Every Sun.* Juried market of local handmade arts and crafts, now in its 30th year. *11 a.m.–4 p.m., Farmers Market, Kerrytown. Free admission. 913–9622.*

★**"Sunday Talks: Jataka Tales": Jewel Heart Buddhist Center.** *Every Sun.* Jewel Heart resident spiritual advisor Demo Rinpoche discusses tales from this ancient collection of parables about the Buddha's previous lives. *11 a.m., for URL preregister at bit.ly/jeweldharmatalk. Free. 994–3387.*

★**H.A.C. Ultimate.** *Every Sun.* All invited to join a relaxed pickup game of this spirited team sport played with a flying disc. Overly competitive players are politely asked to leave. *11:15 a.m., Fuller Park, just west of the pool & parking lot (or occasionally across the street). Free. 846–9418, hac-UltimateList@GoogleGroups.com.*

"Ties That Bind: A Trio of One-Acts": EMU Theatre Department. See 1 Saturday. 2 p.m.

★**"Conversations! Inside NASA": Jewish Community Center.** NASA Science Mission Directorate administrator Thomas Zurbuchen is joined by JCC cofounder Chuck Newman to discuss NASA's achievements and future plans. *7–8 p.m., for URL see jccAnnArbor.org/event. Free. 971–0990.*

★**"Sunday Evening Game Night": Ann Arbor Adventure Club.** *Every Sun.* An evening of playing popular board games online. You help decide which game to play at the beginning of the night. Have a pencil and paper handy. *7 p.m., for URL email burrbarr7@hotmail.com. Free.*

★**Luke Winslow-King: The Ark Family Room Series.** This Michigan-bred, New Orleans–based Americana singer-songwriter and guitarist specializes in pre-WWII pop music steeped in blues and jazz, along with originals in the same vein. His latest album, *Blue Mesa,* was recorded in Italy, where Winslow-King decamped to after the deaths of a close friend and his father. A *Pop Matters* reviewer notes the album "exudes a sense of loss," relying heavily on Delta blues for an album that features "smoky vocals and sharp guitar playing." *8 p.m., for livestream URL see Facebook.com/TheArkAnnArbor. Free, donations appreciated. 761–1451.*

Sierra Ferrell: The Ark Livestream Series. *Apr. 18 and May 2 & 16.* A highly regarded young Nashville-based Americana

singer-songwriter and songster who got her start at age 7 singing in a West Virginia bar, Ferrell performs a series of 3 themed shows at different Nashville venues. Tonight: **Calypso** night at Dee's Lounge. *8 p.m., for URL and tickets ($12 & $50 per show, $30 & $65 for a 3-show package), see theark.org/shows-events/calendar/2021–05. 761–1451.*

3 MONDAY

★**Tunde Olaniran: University Musical Society Digital Presentation.** See 1 Saturday. All day.

★**Instagram Live: Miss Kim Ann Arbor.** *Every Mon.* Miss Kim chef-owner Ji Hye Kim discusses cooking topics with guests TBA. *12:30 p.m., online at instagram.com/misskimannarbor. Free. 275–0099.*

"OLLI @ Home": U-M Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. *May 3 & 17.* Virtual activities. *May 3:* Mindo Chocolate co-owner Barbara Wilson discusses **"Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Chocolate."** If you'd like samples selected to accompany the talk, pre-order ASAP at bit.ly/tastingkitmay. *May 17:* The Brinery chief fermentation officer David Klingenberger discusses **"Sauerkraut and Beyond: The Art and Necessity of Traditionally Fermented Foods."** *3–4:30 p.m., for URL preregister at bit.ly/ollisignup. $35; members, $10. $25 annual membership fee. 998–9351.*

★**Spinning Dot Theatre: The Neutral Zone.** *Every Mon.* Spinning Dot staffers lead teens in various theater games and short play readings, discussing playwriting, acting, directing, and more. *5–6:15 p.m., for URL and updates see neutral-zone.org/events. Free.*

Olive Oil Tasting: Fustini's Oils & Vinegars. *Every Mon.* Fustini's staffers sample and discuss various olive oils. *5:30 p.m., for URL call 213–1110. $60, includes samples available for curbside pickup or delivery.*

★**"We Are Still Here!: Native American Truths Everyone Should Know": Literati Bookstore At Home with Literati.** Oklahoma writer **Traci Sorell,** a member of the Cherokee Nation, is joined by attorney Kirsten Matoy Carlson, a member of the State Bar of Michigan Standing Committee on American Indian Law to discuss Sorell's new book. Q&A. *7 p.m., online at LiteratiBookstore.com/event/2021–05. Free, but donations accepted. 585–5567.*

The Moth StorySLAM: Michigan Radio. Virtual storytelling competition sponsored by The Moth, the NYC-based nonprofit that also produces a weekly public radio show. Storytellers are selected at random to tell a 5-minute story—this month's theme is **"Fresh"**—and judged by an audience poll at the end of the show. *7:30 p.m., for URL preregister at TheMoth.org. Tickets $10 per household. 764–5118.*

4 TUESDAY

★**Tunde Olaniran: University Musical Society Digital Presentation.** See 1 Saturday. All day.

★**"Getting Creative With": Ann Arbor District Library.** *Every Tues.* AADL staffers share and discuss creative projects they've been working on based on weekly themes TBA such as "Socks" and "Triangles." *3 p.m., AADL.tv. Free. 327–4200.*

★**"What the World Could Make: A Story of Hope": Nicola's Books.** NYC writer Holly M. McGhee and Belgium-based illustrator Pascal Lemaître are joined by popular Minneapolis-based children's writer Kate DiCamillo and Peabody Award–winning radio producer Julie Burstein to discuss their new children's book about rabbits who observe the new growth in springtime. *5 p.m., online at facebook.com/NicolasBooksA2/events. Free. info@NicolasBooks.com.*

★**"Zone Hack": The Neutral Zone.** *Every Tues.* A local tech professional TBA demonstrates the basics of coding and how to make apps, games, and more. Beginners welcome. *5:45–7:30 p.m., for URL and updates see neutral-zone.org/events. Free.*

"Knit Happens": Ann Arbor Stitch 'n' Bitch. *Every Tues.* All knitters invited to work on their projects and swap tips with others. *6–8 p.m., for URL preregister at MeetUp.com/Ann-Arbor-StitchNBitch. $2 monthly dues. 945–3035.*

★**Death Cafe: Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth.** Interfaith Center minister Annie Kopko leads a frank conversation about death. *6:30–8 p.m., online at InterfaithSpirit.org. Free, but donations appreciated. 327–0270.*

★**"Trivia over Zoom": Ann Arbor Adventure Club.** *Every Tues.* All invited to form teams of 4 or so persons to compete in a 2-round family-friendly trivia contest featuring a range of questions from entertainment and history to pop culture and geography. Solo competitors are matched up together. *7 p.m., for URL email burrbarr7@hotmail.com. Free.*

★**"Hieroglyphics": Literati Bookstore At Home With Literati.** North Carolina–bred fiction writer **Jill McCorkle,** a Bennington College Writing Seminar professor, reads from and discusses her new novel, a story about a Boston couple who retire to North Carolina that becomes an exploration of both what it means to be a father or a mother and to be a child trying to know your parents. Q&A. *7 p.m., online at LiteratiBookstore.com/event/2021–05. Free, but donations accepted. 585–5567.*

★**Voices in Harmony.** *Every Tues.* Female singers invited to join the weekly virtual rehearsals of this local 40-member a cappella barbershop harmony chorus. *7–9:30 p.m., for URL email Info@VoicesInHarmonyChorus.org. Free to visitors ($26 monthly dues for those who join). 765–3611.*

★**Ann Arbor Camera Club.** *May 4 & 18.* Club members show the winning digital and print images in this year's annual critique, **"Virtual Awards Banquet"** (May 4), and images on this month's assignment **"Pets/Animals"** (May 18). *7:30 p.m., for URL email a2camClub@gmail.com. Free. 327–4781, AnnArborCameraClub.org.*

★**"Freeing the Soul from Etheric Egotism: A Pentecost Imagination": Great Lakes Branch of the Anthroposophical Society in America.** Imagine Self (Chapel Hill, NC) personal development academy director Lynn Jericho discusses how personal distress and social discord are related to one's ego, the influence of the stars, and other nonphysical matters. *7:30–9 p.m., for URL email dwight.ebaugh@gmail.com. Free.*

★**Songwriters Open Mic: Oz's Music Environment.** All musicians invited to play originals at this open mic, hosted by Jim Novak, that's now in its 25th year. Listeners welcome. *7:30–9:30 p.m., for URL preregister at MeetUp.com/Ozs-Music-Songwriters-Open-Mic. Free. JimNovakMusic@gmail.com.*

★**South for Winter: The Ark Family Room Series.** Nashville-based acoustic trio whose genre-bending music blends elements of folk, jazz, blues, rock, and classical music. With 3 singer-songwriters, New Zealander Nick Stone, Colorado native Dani Cichon, and cellist Alex Stradal. *8 p.m., for livestream URL see facebook.com/TheArkAnnArbor. Free, donations appreciated. 761–1451.*

5 WEDNESDAY

★**Tunde Olaniran: University Musical Society Digital Presentation.** See 1 Saturday. All day.

★**Audio Techniques: The Neutral Zone.** *Every Wed.* A local music professional TBA shows teens the basics of music production, mixing, and mastering. Beginners welcome. *5:45–7:30 p.m., for URL and updates see neutral-zone.org/events. Free.*

★**Kerrytown Crafters.** *Every Wed.* All crocheters, knitters, spinners, weavers, felters, sewers, and other crafters invited to work on their own projects with others. Questions welcome, help available. *7 p.m. or so, for URL join Facebook.com/groups/KTCrafters. Free. 926–8863.*

★**Huron Valley Harmonizers Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society.** *Every Wed.* All male singers invited to join the weekly virtual rehearsals of this local barbershop harmony chorus. *7–8 p.m., for URL email info@*

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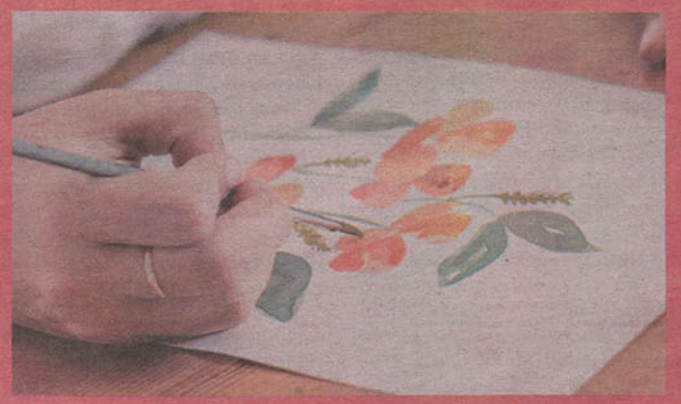

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★**"Experts in Arthritis": Ann Arbor District Library.** U-M Michigan Medicine orthopedics nurse Aaryn Ebner discusses how to manage arthritis pain and fatigue, improve nutrition and activity, and treatments. *7–8 p.m., for URL see aadl.org/node/577329. Free. 327–4200.*

★**"Visualizing Equality: African American Rights and Visual Culture in the 19th Century": U-M Clements Library.** Salisbury (MD) University history professor Aston Gonzalez discusses his new book. *7 p.m., for URL preregister at myumi.ch/0WEk3. Free. 649–3370.*

★**"Sparrows in the Dust": Literati Bookstore At Home With Literati.** Local Pushcart-nominated poet **Zilka Joseph** is joined by fellow Michigan poets Robert Fanning and John Freeman to discuss her new chapbook. Q&A. *7 p.m., online at LiteratiBookstore.com/event/2021–05. Free, but donations accepted. 585–5567.*

★**"Season Finale Songwriters in the Round": On The Tracks Singer-Songwriter Showcase.** Performers TBA. *7 p.m. online at Facebook.com/OnTheTracksSongwriterShowcase.com. Free, donations appreciated. 330–5226. OnTheTracksSS@gmail.com.*

"Virtual History Night: A Political History of Project Apollo": Yankee Air Museum. Talk by National Air and Space Museum curator Teasel Muir-Harmony. *7:30 p.m., for URL preregister at bit.ly/3eiJHdE. $5.*

Keb' Mo': The Ark Livestream Series. *May 5 & 6.* This respected L.A. singer-guitarist plays original contemporary blues with a strong traditional feel, along with covers of Robert Johnson and other country blues classics. He also played Robert Johnson in *Can't You Hear the Wind Howl,* a 1996 docudrama about Johnson's life. Livestreamed from the City Winery in NYC. *7:30 p.m. (May 5) & 9 p.m. (May 6), for URL and tickets ($20), see TheArk.org/shows-events/calendar/2021–05. 761–1451.*

6 THURSDAY

★**Tunde Olaniran: University Musical Society Digital Presentation.** See 1 Saturday. All day.

"Coffee to Caravans": U-M Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Thursday Morning Lecture Series. *May 6, 13, & 20.* The last 2 in a series of 6 weekly talks on the geography, industries, politics, religions, and histories of Central American countries. *May 6:* MSU comparative cultures and politics professor Jennifer Goett, author of *Black Autonomy: Race, Gender, and Afro-Nicaraguan Activism,* on **"Tracking Hemispheric Violence through the Experiences of Nicaraguan Refugees."** *May 13:* MSU international development professor Leonidas Murembya on **"Economic Profile of Central America."** *May 20:* Washtenaw Congregational Sanctuary cofounder Mary Anne Perrone on **"The Struggle to Survive in Central America: A Portrait of Life from a Grassroots, Human Rights Perspective."** *10–11:30 a.m., for URL preregister at bit.ly/ollisignup. $35 per lecture (for 6-lecture series, $60); for members, $10 per lecture and $35 for series; $25 annual membership fee. 998–9351.*

★**U-M Natural History Museum Planetarium from Home.** *Every Thurs. (different programs).* A 30-minute audiovisual planetarium show, followed by brief Q&A. ***The Sky Tonight*** (May 6 & 20) explores the current night sky, including the constellations, visible planets, and other astronomical events. ***The Solar System*** (May 13 & 27) is an exploration of our solar system's history culminating in the current night sky. *4 p.m., for URL preregister at lsa.umich.edu/ummnh/visitors/planetarium-dome-theater.html. Free. 764–0478.*

★**"Louis Lessons": Kerrytown Concert House Live @ The 415.** Live lecture-concert by popular local pianist Louis Nagel, a retired U-M music professor. *5:30 p.m., online at KerrytownConcertHouse.com. Free, but donations accepted.*

★**"eMCee Workshop": The Neutral Zone.** *Every Thurs.* A local professional musician demonstrates to teens the basics of rap, how to compose a verse and match the lyric with the beats, and more. Beginners welcome. *5:45–7:30 p.m., for URL and updates see neutral-zone.org/events. Free.*

★**"Biblio Files": Ann Arbor District Library.** *Every Thurs.* Three AADL staffers each answer their own questions relating to books in 5 minutes or less, such as "What is the prettiest book on your bookshelf?" *6–6:10 p.m., online at AADL.tv. Free. 327–4200.*

★**"Compassionate Community Conversations: Flores Exhibit": Interfaith Council for Peace & Justice.** All invited to watch videos of readings by various artists, lawyers, advocates, and fellow immigrants of the sworn testimonies of children held in detention facilities at the U.S./Mexico border. Followed by a group discussion. *6:30–8:30 p.m., for URL preregister at bit.ly/3wuCXld (case sensitive). Free, but donations accepted. info@ICPJ.org.*

★**"Vault of Knowledge": Vault of Midnight.** *Every Thurs.* Vault of Midnight events head Caleb Wimbrow hosts a trivia quiz in which participants post their answers in the live chat section. Prizes. *7 p.m., online at Instagram.com/VaultOfMidnight. Free. 998–1413.*

★**Comhaltas.** *Every Thurs.* All invited to join members of this local chapter of the Detroit Irish Music Association for an informal evening playing traditional Irish music on various instruments. Lessons offered. *7 p.m., for URL email Contact@DetroitIrishMusic.org. Free. Facebook.com/DetroitIMA.*

★**Don White: The Ark Family Room Series.** This veteran singer-songwriter from Lynn (MA), a local favorite, writes sharp-witted songs about everyday life that blend pathos, humor, and biting satire, and his live shows feature a lot of impromptu storytelling and comedy. His fans include Christine Lavin and Livingston Taylor, and he's released several acclaimed CDs. *7 or 7:30 p.m. TBA, for livestream URL see facebook.com/TheArkAnnArbor. Free, donations appreciated. 761–1451.*

Keb' Mo': The Ark Livestream Series. See 5 Wednesday. 9 p.m.

Dustbowl Revival: The Ark Livestream Series. *May 6 & 13.* Venice (CA) Americana roots music collective whose music blends bluegrass, jug band music, and western swing. "The free-thinking local collective Dustbowl Revival's upbeat, old-school, All-American sonic safaris exemplify everything shows should be: hot, spontaneous, engaging and, best of all, a pleasure to hear," says an *LA Weekly* reviewer. Their music has evolved in a roots rock direction, and *American Songwriter* finds their latest, *Is It You, Is It Me,* "ensconced in a cleaner and expanded, if still slightly retro, pop sound that recalls early Buckingham/Nicks Fleetwood Mac, especially through the vocals of front people/co-founders Zach Lupetin and Liz Beebe." The band plays this album in its entirety on May 6, while the May 13 show features songs & stories spanning its 10-year career. *10 p.m., for URL and tickets ($15-$65 per show, $25–$73 for both shows), see theark.org/shows-events/calendar/2021–05. 761–1451.*

7 FRIDAY

★**Tunde Olaniran: University Musical Society Digital Presentation.** See 1 Saturday. All day.

★**"Women Build Neighborhood Beautification & Exterior Projects Day": Habitat for Humanity Huron Valley.** All age 14 & up invited to help area women homeowners with minor exterior home repair projects and yard clean-up. Wear comfortable clothes, work shoes and gloves, & pull back any loose hair. Masks required. Minors must obtain a release form in advance. *9 a.m.–1 p.m., for location information preregister at bit.ly/WomenBuildProjectsMay7 by May 3. Free. h4h.org/women-build.*

★**"Lunch & Learn": Temple Beth Emeth.** *Every Fri.* TBE rabbi Josh Whinston leads informal discussions on religion. Eat lunch during the video call, if you wish. *Noon, for URL see TempleBethEmeth.org. Free.*

★**"Fragmentation and Fragility at the Origins of Rome (and Other Iron Age Italian States)": U-M Kelsey Museum of Archaeology Flash Talk.** Talk by Kelsey Museum director Nic Terrenato. *Noon–12:30 p.m., for URL see myumi.ch/WwDXA. Free. KelseyMuse@umich.edu.*

★**"Loop Nation, DJ & Turntablism, and Music Production": The Neutral Zone.** *Every Fri.* Local music professionals demonstrate to teens how to loop and layer beats to make songs, work turntables and electronic software, and curate performances. Also, the chance to perform your own music and receive feedback. No equipment necessary. *5:45–7:30 p.m., for URL and updates see neutral-zone.org/events. Free.*

★**"Capture the Flag Fridays": All Hands Active.** *Every Fri.* All invited to try to solve a computer security problem (or series of problems), ranging from basic computer usage to some programing, to capture the virtual flag. Led by AHA staffers; beginners welcome. *6–7 p.m., for URL preregister at MeetUp.com/All-HandsActive. Free, but donations encouraged.*

★**First Friday Shabbat: Ann Arbor Jewish Cultural Society.** All invited to a brief Shabbat observance with secular readings, candle lighting, wine rituals, challah, and Yahrzeit observance to remember loved ones. *6:30–7:30 p.m., for URL preregister at JewishCulturalSociety.org/shabbat. Free, donations accepted. 975–9872.*

★**Dances of Universal Peace (Sufi Dancing).** All invited to join in song, chant, and virtual circle dances in joyous affirmation of the unity of the world's spiritual traditions. *7 p.m., for URL email DrakeMeadow@gmail.com. Free.*

"Virtual Movie Trivia Night": Michigan Theater Foundation. *Every Fri.* Popular family-friendly contest with questions on movie quotes, posters, soundtracks, and more. 1st and 2nd place prizes. Have pen & paper handy. *7 p.m., for URL see michtheater.org/trivia. $5 per device (members, free).*

★**"I Want to Thank You": Literati Bookstore At Home With Literati.** Brooklyn-based writer **Gina Hamadey** is joined by *New York Times* Narrative Projects editor Veronica Chambers to discuss Hamadey's engaging chronicle of a year she spent writing a daily thank-you note to strangers, neighbors, family members, and friends. Q&A. *7 p.m., online at LiteratiBookstore.com/event/2021–05. Free, but donations accepted. 585–5567.*

"Peter and the Starcatchers": Pioneer High Theatre Guild. *May 7–9.* U-M theater major Sevon Askew directs Pioneer students in a prerecorded production of Rick Elice's whimsical 2011 Tony-winning adaptation of Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson's popular children's novel that creates a backstory for Peter Pan. A resourceful preteen saves an orphan after his ship is attacked by pirates while on a secret mission to convey a trunk full of starstuff to the imaginary Kingdom of Rundoon. Stars Miriam Wyllie-Scholz, Sarah Stansfield, Ethan Steiner, Henry Conner, Matthew Neal, Alexis Evans, Sinan Glutekin, Isabel Nuñez-Regueiro, Audrey Hill, Conner Casey, Renata Schmult, Josiah Jones, Arissa Tucker, Molly Reiser, Nora VanDorn-Greer, Eliana Adler, Alexandria Miller, and Rebekah Scrivens. *7 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.) and 2 p.m. (Sat. & Sun.), online at ShowTix4u.com. $12 (students, seniors, and pioneer staff, $8; households, $20). kelmigianj@aaps.k12.mi.us, (248) 330–4902.*

"Trivia Night": The Creature Conservancy. *May 7 & 14.* Topics include unusual and humorous animal facts and feature live demos from an emu, sloth, and boa constrictor. Also, 7–7:30 p.m., guests can view an eagle, kangaroo, alligators, reindeer, and more. Age 21 & up only. *7:30 p.m., Creature Conservancy, 4950 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. $20 or so in advance only at TheCreatureConservancy.org (capacity limited). 929–9324.*

Connie Ettinger: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. *May 7 & 8.* This Detroit-based self-styled "recovering lawyer" delivers fast-paced observations on an array of annoyances from slow bureaucracy to people who take hair dryers into the shower with them. Preceded by 2 opening acts. Masks required, except when eating or drinking. *7:30 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.) and 9:30 p.m. (Sat. only), 212 S. Fourth Ave. Tickets $15 reserved seating in advance, $17 general admission at the door (capacity reduced). aaComedy.com, 996–9080.*

8 SATURDAY

★**Annual International Migratory Bird Count: Washtenaw Audubon Society.** All invited—from novices to experienced birders—to help take a census of birds in Washtenaw County. Part of a 24-hour worldwide snapshot of populations of resident and migrant birds. Similar in structure to the WAS Christmas Bird Count: groups of volunteers are assigned specific areas to count. Feeder watchers also invited. *All day, throughout Washtenaw County. Free. To volunteer or for information, see WashtenawAudubon.org.*

★**Tunde Olaniran: University Musical Society Digital Presentation.** See 1 Saturday. All day.

Spring Birding: Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission. Guided hike to look for birds that live in grasslands and wooded areas. Bring binoculars. Limited to 10 beginner birders. *8–10 a.m., meet at Rolling Hills County Park, 7660 Stony Creek Rd., Ypsilanti. Free, but $6 vehicle entry fee. Preregistration required at dehringk@washtenaw.org.*

"Mother's Day Wildflower Walk and Brunch": Hudson Mills Metropark Interpretive Nature Programs. A Hudson Mills park interpreter leads a leisurely hike through the park to look for spring wildflowers. To-go "Brunch Box" ($8) available; it includes hard-boiled eggs, yogurt, granola, pastries, cheese, and fruit. Masks required. *9 & 11 a.m., park activity center, 8801 North Territorial Rd., Dexter. $5 (kids, $3). Preregistration required by Apr. 30, 4 p.m.. $10 vehicle entrance fee. 426–8211.*

★**"Metal": Ecology Center of Ann Arbor Craft & Chat.** Ecology Center staffers discuss how metals are recycled at the city's Materials Recovery Facility, then demonstrate how to make an embossed metal magnet for Mother's Day. *On-demand viewing starts at 10 a.m., online at YouTube.com (search "Ecology Center of Ann Arbor"). Free. mmunro@EcoCenter.org.*

★**"Stewardship Basics": Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission.** WCPARC stewardship coordinator Katie Carlisle goes over the basics of common plant identification, what makes a plant invasive, and what to do about it. Then, help remove invasive plants (be prepared for off-trail work). Masks required. *10 a.m.–noon, Parker Mill County Park, 4650 Geddes. Free,*

galleries

New exhibits this month:

WSG Gallery, Ann Arbor Art Center, 117 W. Liberty. ***Selected Works*** (May 4–31). Works in various media by WSG's 14 members. Masks required. Tues.–Sat. 10 a.m.–6 p.m. 994–8004; Online only at wsg-art.com. ***Beginnings, Endings, and Beyond*** (May 4–31). Works on the title theme by WSG's members.

U-M Museum of Natural History, online only at lsa.umich.edu/ummnh/visitors/exhibits.html#VirtualExhibits. ***Whale Evolution*** (opened April 6 through end date TBA). 3-D digital version of this gallery exploring these mammals' extraordinary path from water to land and back to water again. 763–4191.

Gutman Gallery, 118 N. 4th Ave. ***You // Me // Us*** (May 21–June 26). Juried exhibit with works in all media on themes of identity and self expression. Masks required. Wed. & Fri. 11 a.m.–4 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m.– 4 p.m. 662–3382.

SEVON ASKEW

Peter and the Starcatchers: U-M Theater major Sevon Askew directs Pioneer High students in a prerecorded production of Peter and the Starcatchers, May 7–9.

but preregistration required at carlislec@washtenaw.org.

Native Plant Sale: Hudson Mills Metropark. *May 8 & 9.* Native flowers, grasses, trees, and shrubs, all with Michigan native genotypes. Masks required. *10 a.m.–3 p.m., park activity center, 8801 North Territorial Rd., Dexter. Free admission, but $10 vehicle entry fee. 426–8211.*

★**Museum Day: Waterloo Farm Museum.** All invited to tour the grounds at Waterloo Farm. Docents are on hand in the 10-room farmhouse to answer questions. Part of a regional event featuring free admission at several Jackson-area museums. *10 a.m.–4 p.m., Waterloo Farm Museum, 13493 Waterloo-Munith Rd., Chelsea. Free. (517) 596–2254.*

★**Fiber Market: Spinner's Flock.** Outdoor sale of Michigan-grown fibers for spinning, felting, and handspun yarns. Also, supplies for spinning, weaving, knitting, & felting, and finished goods. The 20 or so vendors offer demos throughout the day. Rain date: May 15. *10 a.m.–4 p.m., HillTop Greenhouse & Farms, 8830 W. Liberty, west of Parker Rd. Free admission. SpinnersFlock.com, 769–1657.*

★**"Systemic Racism: Social Justice": U-M Turner Geriatric Center African American Services Council.** Talk by speaker(s) TBA. *1–3:30 p.m., for URL call 998–9353 or email tswp.info@umich.edu. Free.*

★**"Stewardship Saturday": Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission.** All invited to help remove invasive species in the Parker Mill floodplain to improve the habitat for native plants and animals. No prior experience is needed; social distancing and face coverings required. *1–4 p.m., Parker Mill County Park, 4650 Geddes. Free, but preregistration required at carlislec@washtenaw.org.*

"Peter and the Starcatchers": Pioneer High Theatre Guild. See 7 Friday. 2 & 7 p.m.

★**Know Obstacles: Oz's Music Environment.** All invited to play instruments, sing songs, and tell jokes with members of this band for kids and adults with special needs. Spectators welcome. *3:30 p.m., for online meeting URL see bit.ly/ozkidsopenmic. Free. 662–8283.*

★**"Saturday Slam!/Open Mic!": Northside Community Church.** See 1 Saturday. 4:30 p.m.

"Working": Community Ensemble Theatre. Quinn Strassel directs Community High students in a prerecorded production of Gordon Greenberg's 2012 reworking of Stephen Schwartz and Nina Faso's 1977 Broadway musical, adapted from Studs Terkel's book, a chronicle of a day in the life of 26 typical American workers. Cast: Sadie Barber, Dé Barney, Cecelia Brush, Oliver Campeau, Mali Chappell-Lakin, Henry Connor, Lucas Connor, Lila Fetter, Matthew Gallego-Strasma, Leyla Gultekin, Eliahna Heimann, Bruno Hohn, Jeremy Klooster, Ebie Lamb, Jasmine Lowenstein, Nadya Matish, Ana Morgan, Matthew Neal, Evan Rago, John Reed, Gabe Semrau, Lily Sickman-Garner, Rin Simmons, Claire Steigelman, Ethan Steiner, Sadie Todd, and Jasmine Williams. *7:30 p.m., for URL and tickets (adults, $10; students, $8; households, $20), see ShowTix4u.com.*

Connie Ettinger: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 7 Friday. 7:30 & 9:30 p.m.

★**The RFD Boys: The Ark Family Room Series.** Authentic bluegrass by these longtime local favorites who have appeared in numerous festivals and on the cover of *Bluegrass Unlimited* magazine. Their shows blend top-notch musicianship with funny between-songs dialogue. They have a new guitarist-mandolinist, Dan Roehrig, and they recently celebrated their 50th anniversary with a new album, *Still Delivering. 8 p.m., for livestream URL see Facebook.com/TheArkAnnArbor. Free, donations appreciated. 761–1451.*

Laz Slomovits: Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth Cafe 704 Coffeehouse. Livestreamed performance by this veteran local folk musician, who is joined by several musician friends to perform the annual concert dedicated to the memory of his late wife, flutist Helen Slomovits. The program includes Helen's songs, along with original and traditional music in both folk and classical styles. *8–9:30 p.m., for URL & tickets ($10) see InterfaithSpirit.org/events/cafe-704-coffeehouse. 327–0270.*

9 SUNDAY (MOTHER'S DAY)

★**Tunde Olaniran: University Musical Society Digital Presentation.** See 1 Saturday. All day.

"Peter and the Starcatchers": Pioneer High Theatre Guild. See 7 Friday. 2 p.m.

★**"Tapestry: Weaving Our Influences with Our Voices: A Tribute to Carol King, Alice Coltrane, Carly Simon, Sara Cassey, and Joni Mitchell": Kerrytown Concert House Live @ The 415.** U-M jazz piano professor Ellen Rowe and her quartet perform their own arrangements of music by iconic women artists. With bassist Marion Hayden, woodwind player Meg Brennan, and drummer Eliza Salem. *4:15 p.m., online at KerrytownConcertHouse.com. Free, but donations accepted.*

★**"I'll Be Strong for You": Literati Bookstore At Home With Literati.** Iranian journalist **Nasim Marashi** is joined by translator **Poupeh Missaghi** to discuss Marashi's debut novel about 3 young women in Tehran who learn that pursuing their wildly different dreams may mean breaking with the past and endangering their longstanding friendship. Q&A. *7 p.m., online at LiteratiBookstore.com/event/2021–05. Free, but donations accepted. 585–5567.*

Paul Strickland: Ann Arbor Storytellers' Guild Living Room Live! Storytelling by this award-winning Cincinnati-based storyteller and comedian whose heartfelt and often hilarious tales, about everything from his toils in

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★**"Taking It to the House": Vocal Arts Ensemble of Ann Arbor Virtual Pops Concert.** Ben Cohen directs this local 24-voice chamber choir in a livestreamed musical homage to the house, with songs about rooms, doors, furniture, and the like by Rodgers, Porter, Bernstein, the Beach Boys, and many others. *7 p.m., online at YouTube.com (search "Vocal Arts Ensemble of Ann Arbor"). Recording of the concert will be available at VocalArtsAnnArbor.org. Free.*

The Accidentals: The Ark Livestream Series. Wildly acclaimed nationally touring Traverse City pop-folk trio of multi-instrumentalists (and recent high school grads) Katie Larson and Savannah Buist and percussionist Michael Dause. Tonight they celebrate the release of their latest Sony recording *Time Out,* an EP that features songs cowritten with Kim Richey, Dar Williams, Maia Sharp, and Tom Paxton. *8 p.m., for URL and tickets ($25 & $100), see TheArk.org/shows-events/calendar/2021–05. 761–1451.*

10 MONDAY

★**Tunde Olaniran: University Musical Society Digital Presentation.** See 1 Saturday. All day.

"Torn from the Headlines": U-M Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Talk by a U-M expert TBA on a timely topic from the news, with an opportunity for an **extended Q&A,** followed on May 11, 2–3 p.m., by a free continuation of the discussion at umich.zoom.us/j/95574902503. *10–11:30 a.m., for URL preregister at bit.ly/ollisignup. $35 (members, $10). $25 annual membership fee. 998–9351.*

★**"Mastering Focal Point and Balance": Ann Arbor Fiberarts Guild.** Texas-based textile artist & teacher Jane Dunnewold discusses the importance of balance in art. *7 p.m., for URL preregister at AnnArborFiberArts.org. Free. AnnArborFiberArts@gmail.com.*

★**"Captain Dave and the Yankee Officer: A Tale of the Texas Blockade": Ann Arbor Civil War Roundtable.** Talk by Civil War historian Andy Hall. *7 p.m., for URL see aacwrt.org/aacwnews.htm. Free. jfepperson@gmail.com.*

★**"The Mysteries": Literati Bookstore At Home With Literati.** Novelist **Marisa Silver,** author of the bestseller *Mary Coin,* is joined by fellow novelist **Meg Wolitzer** to discuss Silver's new novel, the intimate story of two young girls, joined in an unlikely friendship, whose lives are shattered in a single, unthinkable moment. Q&A. *7 p.m., online at LiteratiBookstore.com/event/2021–05. Free, but donations accepted. 585–5567.*

★**Scandinavian Music Jam.** *May 10 & 24.* Bruce Sagan and Brad Battey lead a virtual acoustic jam session devoted to traditional music from Sweden and Norway. All instruments welcome, no experience playing Scandinavian music necessary. *7:30–9:30 p.m., for URL email bsagan@msu.edu. Free. (908) 721–2599.*

11 TUESDAY

★**"Sunrise Nature Hike": Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission.** WCPARC naturalist Elle Bogle leads a guided morning ramble through a native woodland ecosystem. Limited to 10 people; masks required. *8:30 a.m.–10 a.m., Park Lyndon South, North Territorial 15 miles west of US-23. Free, but preregistration required at boglee@washtenaw.org.*

"The Economy: How Long Will It Take to Recover in Light of the Covid-19 Pandemic?": U-M Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Distinguished Lecture Series. Talk by U-M public policy & economics professor Betsey Stevenson. Q&A. *10–11:30 a.m., for URL preregister at OLLI-umich.org. $35 per lecture (for 10-lecture series, $80); for members, $10 per lecture and $55 for 10-lecture series. $25 annual membership fee. 998–9351.*

"Bluegrass Jam Circle": Ann Arbor Senior Center. *May 11 & 25 (tentative).* All musicians invited to bring their acoustic instruments to play bluegrass-style music outside. Vocalists welcome. *5–7 p.m. or so, for outdoor location and other updates see a2bluGrass.com. Price TBA.*

★**"Pub Sing": Ann Arbor Morris.** Local Morris dancers lead participants in an evening of rousing choruses, drinking songs, sea shanties, and English folk songs. No set program; all participants are welcome to lead a song with a singable, reasonably easy-to-learn chorus. *7–10 p.m., for URL email bsagan@msu.edu. Free.*

★**"More Than Sunny": Literati Bookstore At Home With Literati.** Michigan writer **Shelley Johannes,** author of the Beatrice Zinker, Upside Down Thinker children's books, is joined by Jarrett Lerner to discuss Johannes's debut picture book, a story about a pair of siblings who find the bright side of all kinds of weather, bringing optimism, curiosity, and wonder to each situation they encounter. Q&A. *7 p.m., online at LiteratiBookstore.com/event/2021–05. Free, but donations accepted. 585–5567.*

★**"Kindred": Fantasy and Science Fiction/Theory Reading Group: U-M English Department.** All age 21 & over invited to discuss Octavia Butler's 1979 novel about a 20th-century woman repeatedly transported back in time to an Antebellum plantation. *7–9 p.m., for URL email esrabkin@umich.edu. Free.*

★**"Brazil: Guardians of the Amazon" and "Brazil: Impunity in the Amazon": Interfaith Council for Peace & Justice Latin America Caucus Movie Night.** Online screening of 2 of Anne Vigna's new short films about clashes between indigenous land owners in the Amazon and illegal loggers. Post-film discussion with **Ethan Shirley,** a U-M earth and environmental sciences grad student who spent a year in Brazil as a Fulbright exchange teacher. *7–9 p.m., online at bit.ly/colombiainmy. Free, but donations accepted. info@ICPJ.org.*

★**"All We Can Save: Truth, Courage, and Solutions for the Climate Crisis": Sierra Club Book Club.** All invited to discuss this new collection of essays by American women leading the climate movement. *7:30 p.m., for URL email nshiffler@comcast.net. Free. 971–1157.*

★**"Anything Goes Open Mic": Oz's Music Environment.** All musicians invited to play covers or originals; listeners welcome. Hosted by Jim Novak. *7:30–9:30 p.m., for URL preregister at MeetUp.com/Ozs-Music-Songwriters-Open-Mic. Free. JimNovakMusic@gmail.com.*

★**Peter Madcat Ruth & the C.A.R.Ma. Quartet: The Ark Family Room Series.** Madcat is a world-renowned veteran local harmonica wiz whom Dave Brubeck once praised as one of the world's "great jazz soloists." He has a massive repertoire of blues, jazz, folk, and rock tunes, along with several fine originals and songs by other contemporary composers. His current band includes percussionist John Churchville, bassist Brennan Andes, and guitarist Dan Ripke. *8 p.m., for livestream URL see Facebook.com/TheArkAnnArbor. Free, donations appreciated. 761–1451.*

12 WEDNESDAY

★**"Family Nature Adventures: Water in Our World": Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission.** *May 12 & 15.* WCPARC naturalists lead a family-oriented hike through a marsh and discuss how plants and animals (even humans) benefit from water and show how to make a mini watershed system in the sand. Limited to 10 people; masks required. *2–3:30 p.m. (Wed.) and 10–11:30 a.m. (Sat.), Independence Lake County Park, 3200 Jennings Rd., Whitmore Lake. Free, but preregistration required for all age 2 & over at ParksOnline.eWashtenaw.org.*

★**"The Book of Joy": Interfaith Round Table of Washtenaw County.** *May 12, 19,*

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Fathom Events. Local theaters with reduced capacity. For complete, updated schedule, see FathomEvents.com/events. Masks required at all times except when eating concessions. Tickets $12.50 in advance online (recommended) & at the door. **Ann Arbor 20** (4100 Carpenter, 973–8424) and **Emagine** (1335 E. Michigan Ave., Saline, 316–5500). Different times.

***May 1 & 3:* "Walking with Herb"** (Ross Kagan Marks, 2021). Chosen by God, an unremarkable man competes in a world championship golf tournament. 3 p.m. (Sat. only) and 7 p.m. (Sat. at Emagine only and Mon.).

***May 2 & 5:* "Fargo"** (Joel & Ethan Coen, 1996). Offbeat mystery whose dryly humorous portraits of phlegmatic Minnesotans counterpoint a horrific series of murders. 3 p.m. (Sun. only) and 7 p.m. (Sun. at Emagine only and Wed.).

***May 9, 12, & 13:* "Fried Green Tomatoes"** (Jon Avnet, 1991). Adaptation of Fannie Flagg's novel about the friendship between two unconventional Southern women. 3 p.m. (Sun. only) and 7 p.m. (Sun. at Emagine only & Wed. and Thur.).

***May 16, 17, & 19:* "Mission: Impossible"** (Brian De Palma, 1996). An adrenaline-pumping tale about a good guy trying to prove his innocence amidst a nefarious scheme. 3 p.m. (Sun. only) and 7 p.m. (Sun. at Emagine only & Mon. and Wed.).

***May 23 & 26:* "Stand By Me"** (Brian De Palma, 1996). Rob Reiner's 1986 tribute to friendship among boys in 1950s America. Emagine only. 3 p.m. (Sun. only) and 7 p.m.

Michigan Theater Foundation. In-person screenings every Tues., & Fri.–Sun. evening at the **Michigan and State theaters,** though not necessarily at both on all days. Rentals available through the MTF Virtual Movie Palace every day. For complete, updated schedule, see MichTheater.org. Masks required; reduced capacity. Concessions closed during in-person screenings; free popcorn handed out post-screening when able. Movie tickets $10.50 (children under 12, students, seniors age 65 & older, & U.S. veterans, $8:50; MTF members, $8) in advance online (recommended) & at the door.

***Apr. 30–May 2:* "Together Together"** (Nikole Beckwith, 2021). Lighthearted drama about a young loner hired as the gestational surrogate for a single man in his 40s.

***Apr. 30–May 2:* "Demon Slayer: The Movie: Mugen Train"** (Haruo Sotozaki, 2021). Anime adventure about a boy on a quest to fight demons after they brutally murder his family and turned his sister into one of them. Japanese, subtitles and dubbed (different showings).

***Apr. 30–May 2:* "Street Gang: How We Got to Sesame Street"** (Marilyn Agrelo, 2021). Documentary featuring interviews with the producers, artists, writers, and teachers who created *Sesame Street.*

MTF Virtual Movie Palace. New titles available all month online at MichTheater.org/Screenings for 48 hrs. after you start watching. Remainder of May schedule online. $12 per film (for members, $10).

"Oscar Shorts": Screening of Oscar-nominated animated, documentary, and live action short films.

"This is Not a Burial, It's a Resurrection": (Lemohang Jeremiah Mosese, 2020). Drama about an old woman in a small Lesotho village who prepares for her death, drawing from the respect of her community, traditions of her ancestors, and courage of her convictions. Southern Sotho, subtitles.

"The Man Who Sold His Skin" (Kaouther Ben Hania, 2020). Drama about a young Syrian refugee who agrees to have his back tattooed by a sulfurous artist. Arabic, French, and Flemish; subtitles.

"The Mole Agent" (Maite Alberdi, 2020). Documentary, filmed with a hidden camera in decoy glasses, about a recent Chilean widower who responds to an ad to pose as a resident of a nursing home to see if he can find signs of suspected neglect. Spanish, subtitles.

"Slalom" (Charlène Favier, 2021). Drama about a young girl training as a professional skier under the guidance of a strict ex-champion. French, subtitles.

& 26. All invited to discuss archbishop Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama's 2016 guide to experiencing joy in the midst of pain and confusion. Facilitated by IRTWC former co-director Dwight L. Wilson. *7–8:30 p.m., for URL preregister at bit.ly/bookofjoy123. Free. roederer@umich.edu.*

★**"An Evening of Poetry and Written Word": Crazy Wisdom Bookstore & Tea Room.** All invited to read and discuss poetry or short fiction. Have your original work ready to share, if you wish. *7–8:45 p.m. (sign-up for new participants begins at 6:45 p.m.), for URL email cwPoetryCircle@gmail.com. Free.*

★**"Baby and Solo": Literati Bookstore At Home With Literati.** Michigan fiction writer **Lisabeth Posthuma** is joined by best-selling Kentucky novelist David Arnold to discuss Posthuma's young adult novel about a troubled 17-year-old boy seeking the elusive "normal" life who, at the behest of his psychiatrist, takes a job as a video rental store clerk where he takes on a new identity and befriends an abrasive but vulnerable girl who is also hiding a secret. Q&A. *7 p.m., online at LiteratiBookstore.com/event/2021–05. Free, but donations accepted. 585–5567.*

★**"How Did Michigan's New Election Laws Work in 2020? Let's Ask the Director of Elections": Ann Arbor Area League of Women Voters Virtual Brews & Views.** Talk by state elections director Jonathan Brater. *7–8:30 p.m., for URL see my.lwv.org/michigan/ann-arbor-area. Free. 272–3634.*

13 THURSDAY

★**"Climate, Coffee, & Conversation": City of Ann Arbor Office of Sustainability and Innovations.** All invited to chat about anything related to sustainability in the city and elsewhere. *8 a.m., for URL preregister at bit.ly/a2zero. Free. ZWaasSmith@a2gov.org.*

"Seven Sins of Garden Design": Ann Arbor Farm & Garden. Talk by California landscape designer Rebecca Sweet. *12:30–2 p.m., for URL preregister at bit.ly/designsevensins. $10 (members, free). 330–8521.*

★**"Jazz Chats with Cool Cats": Kerrytown Concert House.** Local drummer Pete Siers and local Grammy-winning bassist **Robert Hurst** jam and discuss Hurst's career. Hurst is a U-M music professor who was the inaugural bassist for Jay Leno's *The Tonight Show* house band, among other things. *5:30 p.m., online at KerrytownConcertHouse.com. Free, but donations accepted.*

★**"Singing for Comfort": Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth.** All invited to tune in to a sing-along of soothing songs that are easy to learn. No experience necessary. *7 p.m., for URL see InterfaithSpirit.org. Free, but donations appreciated. 327–0270.*

"Sustainable Resiliency: Tend and Befriend": Jewel Heart Buddhist Center. Virginia-based yoga instructor **Cyndi Lee,** founder of world-renowned OM Yoga Center (NYC), leads a session to reset the nervous system. Lee is known for integrating Tibetan Buddhism in her practice. *7–8:30 p.m., for URL preregister at bit.ly/sustainableresiliency. $25 (members, $20). Registration@JewelHeart.org, 994–3387.*

Milk Carton Kids: The Ark Livestream Series. *Apr. 29 & May 13 (different programs).* Folksy acoustic Americana originals by the L.A. duo of singer-songwriters Kenneth Pattengale and Joey Ryan. The *New York Times* calls their music "a sweetly dazzling variation on close-harmony vocals, part Simon and Garfunkel and part Everly Brothers." *9 p.m., for URL and tickets ($15–$115 per show, $25–$125 for both shows), see TheArk.org/shows-events/calendar/2021–05. 761–1451.*

Dustbowl Revival: The Ark Livestream Series. See 6 Thursday. 10 p.m.

14 FRIDAY

★**"The Motherf**ker with the Hat": Rude Mechanicals.** *May 14–16.* U-M student Sierra Miliziano directs fellow students in acclaimed playwright Stephen Adly Guirgis's raw, gritty 2011 drama about love, fidelity, and misplaced clothing. Prerecorded earlier this year, in-person on U-M campus. *Available for on-demand viewing all day May 14 through May 16, for URL see Facebook.com (search "Rude Mechanicals"). Free. rudes.production@umich.edu.*

★**U-M Baseball vs. Indiana.** *May 14–16.* This month's schedule also includes a 3-game home series vs. **Maryland** (May 23–25). Livestream only from Ray Fisher Stadium. *4 p.m. (Fri.), 2 p.m. (Sat.), & 1 p.m. (Sun.), online at mGOblue.com/sports/baseball/schedule. Free. 764–0247.*

★**U-M Softball vs. Rutgers.** *May 14–16.* Four-game home series. Livestream only from Alumni Field. *4 p.m. (Fri.), 2:30 & 5 p.m. (Sat.), & 12:30 p.m. (Sun.), online at mGOblue.com/sports/softball/schedule. Free. 764–0247.*

"Euchre Change a Life!" Five-game online euchre tournament. Sign up with a partner, or get paired with one by the organizers. Prizes. Proceeds benefit Haitian Emmanuel Christian School children in 3 locations. *6:30–9 p.m., for URL preregister at Facebook.com/EuchreChangeALife. $10 donation per player. EuchreChangeALife@gmail.com.*

Josh Adams: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. *May 14 & 15.* Adams is a nationally touring Detroit comedian known for his clever observational humor who's won the prestigious Showtime at the Apollo competition during the 2nd season of BET's *Apollo Live.* "There are not too many people who can take a scary, embarrassing, or awkward moment in their lives and make it funny quite like Josh Adams," says comic Paolo Busignani. Preceded by 2 opening acts. Masks required, except when eating or drinking. *7:30 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.) and 9:30 p.m. (Sat. only), 212 S. Fourth Ave. Tickets $15 reserved seating in advance, $17 general admission at the door (capacity reduced). aaComedy.com, 996–9080.*

15 SATURDAY

"Heart Walk & 5K Run": American Heart Association Fundraiser. Noncompetitive walks of 1 and 3 miles to raise funds for heart disease research and education. *All day, any location. Fee TBA; for updates, see bit.ly/heartwalkrun. (586) 214–5124.*

★**"The Motherf**ker with the Hat": Rude Mechanicals.** See 14 Friday. All day.

★**"Bloom Fest": Main Street Area Association.** Samples and deals at various downtown restaurants and shops. See mainstreetannarbor.org/bloomfest for a complete schedule. *9 a.m.–10 p.m., downtown. Free admission. sandra@MainStreetAnnArbor.org.*

★**Annual Plant Sale & Dexter Green Day: Dexter Garden Club.** Sale of a wide variety of hard-to-find perennials and native plants, as well as annuals, trees, and flowering shrubs. Master gardeners on hand to answer questions. Bring a wagon or box to hold your plants, if you'd like. *9 a.m.–2 p.m. (or until sold out), Monument Park gazebo, Dexter. Free admission. 673–9100.*

"42nd Annual Walk & Wag": Humane Society of Huron Valley Benefit. Closing ceremony for this year's virtual program which encourages people to run or walk a 5k anywhere, anytime before May 15. Includes a short performance by **Erin Zindle,** the fiery fiddling frontwoman of the classy local progressive country-rock band the Ragbirds, along with a meet-and-greet with celebrity spokesdog and the chance to hear shelter stories from Humane Society staffers. Prizes. *10–10:45 a.m., for URL preregister by May 15 online at hshv.org/*

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★**Death Cafe.** All invited to join a frank conversation about death. Hosted by the Dying Year owner Merilynne Rush, Diana Cramer and Rachel Briggs. *10:30 a.m.–noon, for URL email TheDyingYear@gmail.com. Free.*

★**"Piggsville": The Purple Rose Theatre Company/Chelsea District Library.** Guy Sanville directs a livestreamed reading of Chicago-based playwright Alvaro Saar Rios's play about an inept son, his jealous brother, and their estranged sister who try to run the family brewery after the sudden death of their father. Post-performance talkback with the cast. *10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., for URL preregister at Chelsea.Evanced.info/SignUp. Free. 475–8732.*

★**"Affinity: Professional Creative Suite": MacTechnics.** MacTechnics secretary Keith McConnelly, an avid photographer, demonstrates how to use this new image-editing software for users of all levels. Mac questions of any kind welcome. *11 a.m.–1 p.m., for URL email Contact@MacTechnics.org. Free. MacTechnics.org.*

"Meet the Maker: Daphnis and Chloe Tea and Herb Tasting": Zingerman's Delicatessen. Evangelia Koutsovoulou, founder of the small-batch herb and spice shop Daphnis and Chloe (Greece), discusses her company and its products with Deli managing partner Grace Singleton and Deli tea buyer Jackson Konwinski. At-home tasting kit ($25) available. *1–2 p.m., for URL preregister at bit.ly/teaherbtasting. $15 per person. 663–3354.*

★**"Birding Basics": Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission.** WCPARC naturalist Kelsey Dehring offers a hands-on intro to the basics of identifying birds based on habitat, markings, and sounds. She also discusses what to look for in a good pair of binoculars, which are provided. Limited to 10 beginner birders. *1–3 p.m., meet at Rolling Hills County Park, 7660 Stony Creek Rd., Ypsilanti. Free, but $6 vehicle entry fee. Preregistration required at dehringk@washtenaw.org.*

★**"Bonus Stewardship Saturday": Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission.** All invited to help remove invasive species to improve the habitat for native plants and animals. Be prepared for light hiking and off-trail working; no prior experience or tools necessary. Social distancing and face coverings required. *1–4 p.m., Weatherbee Woods Preserve, 8740 Warren Rd., Superior Twp. Free, but preregistration required at carlislec@washtenaw.org.*

★**"The Power of Flowers Mindfulness Hike": Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission.** Mindful City Ann Arbor cofounder Julie Woodward leads a walking-meditation hike while WCPARC naturalist Elle Bogle discusses a bit of the surrounding botany. Limited to 10 people; masks required. *2–4 p.m., Park Lyndon South, North Territorial 15 miles west of US-23. Free, but preregistration required at boglee@washtenaw.org.*

★**"Saturday Slam!/Open Mic!": Northside Community Church.** See 1 Saturday. 4:30 p.m.

Mike Gavin & Family: Acoustic Routes Concert. Celtic music and song featuring the veteran Detroit Irish family ensemble, led by fiddler (and County Clare native) Gavin with his sons Sean (flutist and uilleann piper) and Mike (fiddler and banjoist). After the show, all musicians invited to join an informal session of jigs and reels. *7 p.m., Stony Lake Brewing, 447 E. Michigan, Saline. For tickets and preregistration (capacity reduced), see StonyLakeBrewing.com. 316–7919.*

Josh Adams: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 14 Friday. 7:30 & 9:30 p.m.

★**The Yellow Room Gang: The Ark Family Room Series.** In-the-round (virtually) performances by this group of 8 award-winning veteran Michigan songwriters who get together regularly to share their new work. Members are **David Barrett, Jim Bizer, Annie Capps, Kitty Donohoe, Jan Krist, Matt Watroba,** and **Michael Hough & David Tamulevich** of the local duo Mustard's Retreat. The Yellow Room Gang released the 2015 compilation CD *Decade* in celebration of its 10th anniversary. *8 p.m., for livestream URL see facebook.com/TheArkAnnArbor. Free, donations appreciated. 761–1451.*

16 SUNDAY

★**"The Motherf**ker with the Hat": Rude Mechanicals.** See 14 Friday. All day.

★**"Puerto Rican Cuisine in America": Culinary Historians of Ann Arbor.** Talk by Oswald Rivera, a NYC writer of Puerto Rican descent who wrote *Puerto Rican Cuisine in America. 4–5:15 p.m., for URL preregister at CulinaryHistoriansAnnArbor.org/program-schedule. Free. a2culinaryhistorians@gmail.com.*

★**Lori Sims: Kerrytown Concert House Live @ The 415 Steinway Sessions.** This EMU music professor, winner of the 1998 Gina Bachauer International Piano Competition, performs works by Bach and others. *4:15 p.m., online at KerrytownConcertHouse.com. Free, but donations accepted.*

★**"Quaker Seekers Series": Ann Arbor Friends Meeting.** A small panel of local Quakers discuss the nature of the Quaker faith for those interested in learning more about it. *7 p.m., for URL, see tinyurl.com/AAFM-MfW-Zoom (meeting ID: 227 076 571). Free. AnnArborFriends.org.*

★**"Conversations! Overcoming Childhood and Health Challenges": Jewish Community Center.** Girls Group founder and executive director Sue Schooner discusses her local leadership nonprofit with JCC cofounder Chuck Newman. *7–8 p.m., for URL see jccAnnArbor.org/event. Free. 971–0990.*

★**Ann Arbor (Mostly) Acoustic Open Mic.** Musicians of all ability levels and ages invited to sing and play anything from classic rock, Motown, and blues to bluegrass, folk, and country with others. All acoustic instruments (strings, horns, and woodwinds) welcome. Led by veteran local musicians Bill Connors and Phil McMillion. *7–9 p.m., for URL preregister at MeetUp.com/Ann-Arbor-Acoustic-Jam. Free. 973–7791.*

Christine Lavin: The Ark Livestream Series. A veteran New York City singer-songwriter who has been described as a mix of Bette Midler, Tom Lehrer, Steve Goodman, and Janis Ian, Lavin is known for the sharp wit and comically warped perspectives of songs like "Stop Sobbing … He's an Idiot" and "Tom Cruise Scares Me." She's also known for her bittersweet miniatures of lost romance, and she's a tastily tuneful composer, a superb guitarist, and a playfully unpredictable performer whose shows are always sprinkled with a healthy dose of between-songs humor and spiky commentary. Her new album, *On My Way to Hooterville,* includes 10 new songs and one reworked song, "Ramblin' Waltz," a retelling of her experience in 1975 as one of the entourage drivers for the first week of Dylan's Rolling Thunder Revue. *8 p.m., for URL and tickets ($20; group, $30), see theark.org/shows-events/calendar/2021–05. 761–1451.*

Sierra Ferrell: The Ark Livestream Series. See 2 Sunday. Tonight: **Jazz** night at the Basement. 8 p.m.

Sarah Jarosz: The Ark Livestream Series. Texas bluegrass-based singer-songwriter and multi-instrumental prodigy whose unassumingly resonant lyricism and piercingly inerrant vocal interpretations have provoked widespread comparisons to a young Gillian Welch. "Jarosz stamps all eleven tracks with her musical vision," says *No Depression* in its review of her 2013 CD, *Follow Me Down.* "The haunting tone of her voice, the assuredness with which she weaves through the melodies, and the thoughtfulness of her delivery are all impressive … The emotional quality of Jarosz's singing magnifies the open-ended meaning of her lyrics." *8:30 p.m., for URL and tickets ($20–$65), see theark.org/shows-events/calendar/2021–05. 761–1451.*

KELSEY DEHRING

WCPARC's "Intro to Archery" on May 23 is for beginners age 8 & up.

17 MONDAY

★**"Unearthing Tulsa: 100 Years Later": UMMA.** Pulitzer Prize–winning NYC-based writer **Brent Staples** and photojournalist **Fred Conrad** revisit their 1999 *New York Times Magazine* story on the 1921 Tulsa race massacre. They are joined by U-M Afroamerican and African studies lecturer **Scott Ellsworth,** author of forthcoming book on Tulsa *The Ground Breaking: An American City and Its Search for Justice. 4 p.m., online at YouTube.com (search "University of Michigan.") Free.*

★**Monthly Meeting: Embroiderers' Guild of America.** Stitchers of all abilities and interests are invited to work on their own stitching projects and socialize. *7 p.m., for URL call 335–0019. Free to visitors ($52 annual dues).*

★**Espacia Fotiu: Huron River Art Collective (formerly Ann Arbor Women Artists).** Talk by this young Ferndale mixed-media artist whose recent children's book *Imagine, Draw, Erase, Repeat!* encourages kids to use her art to create something. *7 p.m., for URL see HuronRiverArtCollective.org. Free.*

18 TUESDAY

★**"Shelter in Place: How the Pandemic is Changing Our Cities, Neighborhoods and Homes": U-M Osher Lifelong Learning Institute "Urgent and Critical Lecture Series."** Talk by U-M architectural & urban design professor Kit Krankel McCullough. *10–11:30 a.m., online at umich.zoom.us/j/92485494005. Free. info.tswp@umich.edu, 998–9351.*

"Mapping Purpose": American Business Women's Association. SOAR Community Network (Alexandria, VA) CEO Mali Phonpadith discusses how such intentional practices as drawing a map of what motivates you can lead to a more fulfilling life. Preceded and followed by member socializing. *6:30–7:15 p.m., for URL preregister at abwa-maia.org/events. $29 per person. walkers@umich.edu.*

★**Supriya Kelkar: Nicola's Books.** Michigan writer Supriya Kelkar discusses *That Thing about Bollywood,* her new middle grade book about a young girl whose friends and family start involuntarily bursting into song-and-dance routines throughout the day. *7 p.m., for URL see NicolasBooks.com/event. Free. info@NicolasBooks.com.*

Mary Kubica: Nicola's Books. New York writer Mary Kubica discusses *Local Woman Missing,* her new thriller about an 11-year-old missing persons case that is reopened. *7 p.m., for URL see NicolasBooks.com/event. Tickets price TBA, includes a copy of the book. info@NicolasBooks.com.*

★**Monthly Meetings: Ikebana International.** *May. 18 & 20 (tentative dates).* Video demonstration of this Japanese style of flower arranging led by an ikebana instructor TBA. Followed by group discussion. Also, participants show their own flower arrangements based on the concepts demonstrated in last month's video. *7 p.m. (Tues.) and 2 p.m. (Thurs.), for URL email a2ikebana0@gmail.com. Free.*

★**"A2Zero": Huron Valley Sierra Club.** City of Ann Arbor sustainability and innovations manager Missy Stults gives an update on this citywide initiative which aims to make all of Ann Arbor carbon neutral by 2030. *7:30–9 p.m., online at bit.ly/a2zeromay2021. Free. hvg@Michigan.SierraClub.org.*

19 WEDNESDAY

★**"Framing the Future: 4th Annual Habitat Breakfast": Habitat for Humanity Huron Valley Fundraiser.** U-M business professor emeritus Robert E. Quinn, cofounder of the U-M Center for Positive Organizations, gives a keynote address on the benefits of intergenerational home ownership. Also, 2 local residents discuss their experience as Habitat for Humanity homeowners. Participants encouraged to eat breakfast during the program. *8:30 a.m., for URL preregister at h4h.org/breakfast. Free, but donations welcome. nbiehn@h4h.org.*

"A Band for All Ages": U-M Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Afternoons with OLLI. Little Bands School founder & director Joshua Grekin discusses this tech-enabled music education program that offers an innovative K–12 instrumental curriculum. *3:30–5 p.m., for URL preregister at bit.ly/ollisignup. $30 (members, $5); $25 annual membership fee. 998–9351.*

"Evenings with Aaron": Deep Spring Center. All invited to discuss their metaphysical questions with others with similar interests. The evening is led by Aaron, a "being of light" channeled by Barbara Brodsky, who offers a talk on a variety of spiritual practices, including Vipassana and Pure Awareness meditation. Q&A. *7–9 p.m., for URL preregister at DeepSpring.org. $10–$30 suggested donation. 477–5848, DeepSpring9@gmail.com.*

★**"A2 Retro Tech Meetup": All Hands Active.** All invited to bring your old tech to show off. It can be anything from older computers from the 70s–90s to phones and telegraph equipment or a typewriter that hasn't worked for years. Also, short presentations or activities based on the monthly theme, **"Personal Digital Assistant."** *7–9 p.m., for URL see MeetUp.com/AllHandsActive/events. Free, but donations encouraged. James@AllHandsActive.org.*

★**"Fits to a T": Ann Arbor District Library.** U-M Michigan Medicine orthopedics nurse Aaryn Ebner discusses the importance of strong bones. *7–8 p.m., for URL see aadl.org/node/577330. Free. 327–4200.*

★**"Birding Devon and Beyond": Washtenaw Audubon Society.** University of Exeter student Ben Lucking, an Ann Arbor native, discusses and shows images of the hundreds of different bird species he's observed in Devon County, UK. *7:`10 p.m., for URL see WashtenAwaudubon.org. Free.*

20 THURSDAY

★**"Laughter at the Happy Hour: Spring Fever": Kerrytown Concert House Live @ The 415.** Cabaret songs and stories livestreamed from KCH with local composer R. MacKenzie Lewis and actor David Moan. The program includes songs by John Mulaney, Tom Lehrer, Cole Porter, Flight of the Concords, and more.

5:30 p.m., online at KerrytownConcertHouse.com. Free, but donations accepted.

"Annie Jr.": Huron High School Players. *May 20–23.* Claire Federhofer directs students in a prerecorded production of Charles Strouse, Martin Charnin, and Thomas Meehan's upbeat Tony Award–winning 1976 musical comedy inspired by the Little Orphan Annie comic strip. Set in Depression-era New York, the plot follows the adventures of the plucky Annie and her faithful sidekick pup Sandy as they escape an orphanage run by the despicable Miss Hannigan and eventually find a home with the millionaire Daddy Warbucks, rubbing elbows with FDR along the way. Songs include "Tomorrow," "We'd Like to Thank You, Herbert Hoover," "It's the Hard Knock Life," and "Easy Street." Cast: Marisa Redding, Maya Liu, Lily Pinksy, Katie Temple, Eva Reed, Alex Haris, Stevie Dumitrascu, Maddie Tai, Takima Banks, Giselle Gomez, and Maxine Wilkins. *7 p.m. (Thurs.–Sat.) & 2 p.m. (Sun.), for URL and tickets ($8; for students, staff, and AAPS families, $6) see ShowTix4u.com. federhoferc@aaps.k12.mi.us.*

★**"How Acupuncture Keeps Pets Healthy and Happy": Humane Society of Huron Valley.** HSHV veterinary Jennifer Wells discusses how pet acupuncture works and what conditions it is appropriate to treat. Q&A. *7–8 p.m., for URL see hshv.org/events. Free. 661–3575*

21 FRIDAY

★**"Stories and Research from the Canal Era": U-M Clements Library Bookworm.** Panelists TBA discuss 19th-century canal building, an era spurred by the construction of the Erie Canal, 1817–1825. *10 a.m., for URL preregister at myumi.ch/gjgzR. Free. 649–3370.*

★**"Digital Drawing Jam": Vault of Midnight.** All invited to make art using supplies from your home or just chat with Vault of Midnight staffers. *6–9 p.m., for URL see VaultOfMidnight.com/events. Free. 998–1413.*

★**Livestream: The Neutral Zone.** Virtual presentation of a program by local teens TBA. *7–8 p.m., for URL and other updates see neutral-zone.org/events. Free. 214–9995.*

"Annie Jr.": Huron High School Players. See 20 Thursday. 7 p.m.

Ben Moore: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. *May 21 & 22.* A regular guest on the syndicated Bob and Tom radio show, this Midwestern comic is known for his punchy, well-crafted jokes about a wide range of topical and cultural matters. Preceded by 2 opening acts. Masks required, except when eating or drinking. *7:30 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.) and 9:30 p.m. (Sat. only), 212 S. Fourth Ave. Tickets $15 reserved seating in advance, $17 general admission at the door (capacity reduced). aaComedy.com, 996–9080.*

Penny Seats Theatre Company Arcade Series. This local company presents a virtual reading of a play TBA. *8 p.m., for URL and tickets ($5) see PennySeats.org. ThePennySeats@gmail.com.*

22 SATURDAY

★**"A Happy Little Tree Planting": Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission.** *May 22 & 25.* All invited to help plant saplings with WCPARC stewardship manager Allison Kreuger. Dress for off-trail work and muddy conditions. Masks required. *9 a.m.–noon (Sat.) and 1–4 p.m. (Tues.), Sharon Mills County Park, 5701 Sharon Hollow Rd. Free, but preregistration required at carlislec@washtenaw.org.*

"Quilt Day: Minimal Design, Maximum Impact": The Greater Ann Arbor Quilt Guild. Talk by Washington-based quilter and graphic designer David Owen Hastings, followed by a Q&A. Also, all invited to bring their quilting projects for a **show-and-tell.** The program begins with a brief business meeting. *9:15 a.m.–noon, for URL see gaaqg.com/our-events/quilt-days. $10 (members, free). 646–4835.*

★**Open House: Ann Arbor School of Massage, Herbal & Natural Medicine.** Show and sale of apothecary items and herbal products used for anxiety, sleep quality, and stress. Gaia Center for Herbal Studies founder Mary Light on hand to

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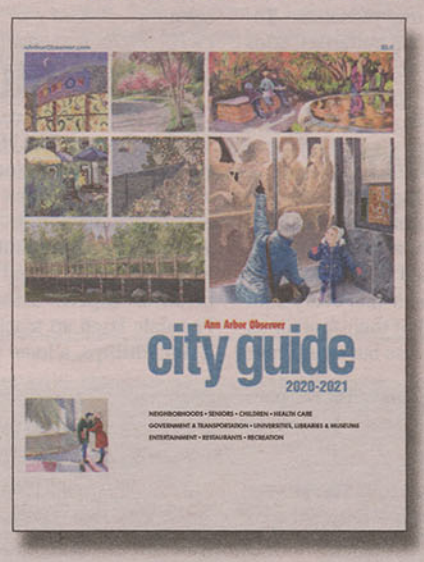

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★**Butterfly Survey Kickoff & Training: Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation.** A chance to learn about the city's upcoming annual survey of the 80 species of butterflies native to the area. No experience necessary. *11 a.m.–1 p.m., for URL preregister by May 19 at online at nap@a2gov.org or call 794–6627. Free. a2gov.org/NAPevents.*

★**"Saturday Slam!/Open Mic!": Northside Community Church.** See 1 Saturday. 4:30 p.m.

"Annie Jr.": Huron High School Players. See 20 Thursday. 7 p.m.

Ben Moore: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 21 Friday. 7:30 & 9:30 p.m.

Joe Reilly: Riverfolk Music and Arts Organization Blacksmith Shop Concerts. Performance by this local singer-songwriter, whose playful songs draw on blues, Native American, and other traditional American idioms and address ecological and spiritual themes. *7:30 p.m., for URL and tickets ($0–$100 sliding scale), see crowdcast.io/riverfolkmusicandarts. RiverfolkMusicAndArts@gmail.com.*

★**Alisa Amador: The Ark Family Room Series.** Boston-bred folk-rock singer-songwriter who got her start singing backup vocals in her parents' Latin American music band Sol y Canto. Her own music incorporates Latin, jazz, blues, and soul flavors into a basic folk-rock recipe. Veteran Boston folkie Vance Gilbert describes her as "Shawn Colvin meets Joni Mitchell Has Lunch with Amy Winehouse meets Suzanne Vega and Diana Krall in a quiet unassuming never loud package even singing in Spanish and French." *8 p.m., for livestream URL see facebook.com/TheArkAnnArbor. Free, donations appreciated. 761–1451.*

23 SUNDAY

"Derby Days": The Vintage Market. Show and sale of vintage, handmade, and boutique clothing, jewelry, home decor, and more. Pony rides and show horses. Wear a derby hat to enter a cash prize raffle. Live music TBA. *10 a.m.–4 p.m., Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. $5 (kids age 12 & under, free). TheVintageMarketmi.com/events.*

★**"Intro to Archery": Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission.** Hands-on demo for beginners age 8 & up led by WCPARC staffers. Masks required. *10 a.m. & 2 p.m., Independence Lake County Park, 3200 Jennings Rd., Whitmore Lake. Free, but preregistration required at ParksOnline.eWashtenaw.org (search Activity #831007).*

"Spring Floral Arranging": Bløm Meadworks. Wildscape Floral Co. owner Chelsea Hohn leads a hands-on demo of how to arrange fresh flowers. Outdoor event; social distancing enforced and masks required when not eating or drinking. *11 a.m.–1 p.m., Bløm Meadworks, 100 S. Fourth Ave. $70, includes a pour of mead; preregistration at DrinkBlom.com/events/2021-floral-workshop. hello@DrinkBlom.com.*

★**"Living in the Shadow: A Discussion on the Biology of Violent Behavior": First United Methodist Church Conversations About Science and Religion.** All invited to join a discussion led by University of British Columbia (Vancouver) psychiatry professor Erik Wong. *11 a.m.–12:15 p.m., for URL email debbie@fumc-a2.org or call 662–4536. Free. TinyURL.com/FUMC-ConvScience-Religion.*

★**"The Stories We Tell: Pulling Back the Veil on Judaism and Feminism": Jewish Community Center/Beth Israel Congregation.** WSU literature and cultural studies grad student Molli Spalter discusses how feminist concepts have influenced day-to-day Jewish American life. *1 p.m., for URL preregister at BethIsrael-aa.org/event/LivingRoomLectures. Free. Engage@BethIsrael-AA.org.*

★**"Successful Collateral and Cluster Searching": Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County Monthly Meeting.** Talk by High-Definition Genealogy (Chicago) founder Thomas MacEntee. Followed at 3:15 p.m. by **"No Dumb Questions in Genealogy"** a panel discussion with club members TBA. *1:30 p.m., for URL email info@WashtenawGenealogy.org by Apr. 22. Free. WashtenawGenealogy.org.*

★**Ann Arbor Storytellers Guild.** All invited to listen to guild members swap stories or bring their own to tell. *2–4 p.m., for URL preregister at bit.ly/meetingofstorytellers. Free.*

"Annie Jr.": Huron High School Players. See 20 Thursday. 2 p.m.

"Virtual Happy Hour: Rosé and Cheese": Zingerman's Delicatessen. Deli event coordinator Tessie Ives-Wilson, an American Cheese Society certified cheese professional, discusses and tastes samples of her favorite cheeses paired with rosés. Preregistration fee includes a tasting kit (pick-up only) of 2 bottles of wine, a pound of 4 different types of cheeses, nuts, olives, and honey. Age 21 & up only. *2:30–3:30 p.m., for URL preregister at bit.ly/mayhappyhouronline. $75. 663–3354.*

★**Lezread Book Club.** All queer women invited to discuss *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo,* L.A.-based writer Taylor Jenkins Reid's popular romance novel about an aging and reclusive Hollywood icon who chooses to share her life story with an unknown reporter. *4–5 p.m. or so, for URL see a2LezRead.tumblr.com. Free. 686–4956.*

★**Danilo Brito: Kerrytown Concert House Live @ The 415.**This mandolinist has been awarded Brazil's highest prize for instrumental music, and he's noted for his virtuosity and deep intimacy with the Brazilian choro music he plays. Though choro means "cry," it is often more bright than blue and incorporates syncopation, counterpoint, and improvisation. Tonight, he'll be joined by 7-string guitarist Carlos Moura in a concert prerecorded in Brazil. *4:15 p.m., online at KerrytownConcertHouse.com. Free, but donations accepted.*

24 MONDAY

"Golf Fore Kids Sake": Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washtenaw County Fundraiser. Four-person scramble with a shotgun start. Solo competitors are matched up together. (In a scramble format, each player hits every shot from the spot of the best ball of their foursome, so lousy golfers may embarrass but won't hurt their team.) Prizes. *10:30 a.m. start (check-in begins 9:30 a.m.), Barton Hills Country Club, 730 Country Club Rd. Preregistration and tickets ($250 per person; $1,000 per foursome) required at bbbswashtenaw.org/golf.html. annemarie.veneroni@abbbswashtenaw.org.*

25 TUESDAY

★**Skazat! Poetry Series.** Poetry reading by the widely published Detroit poet **Tommye Blount.** His debut chapbook *What We Are Not For* blends biography, fairy tale, and history to explore masculinity. *7–8:30 p.m., for URL preregister at Facebook.com/Skazat. Free. 223–3165.*

★**"Co-Occurring Eating Disorders and Addiction": Dawn Farm Education Series.** Talk by local clinical social worker Tiffany Schultz. *7:30–9 p.m., Online at bit.ly/dfeduseries. Free. 973–7892.*

26 WEDNESDAY (FULL MOON)

★**"Vesak Day: How Buddha Defeated a Swarm of Demons": Jewel Heart Buddhist Center.** Talk by Jewel Heart resident spiritual advisor Demo Rinpoche in honor of Buddha's birthday, the most festive occasion of the Buddhist year. *7–8 p.m., for URL preregister at bit.ly/mayvesakday. Free. Registration@JewelHeart.org, 994–3387.*

★**"An Evening of Poetry and Written Word": Crazy Wisdom Bookstore & Tea Room.** Reading by Seattle poet **Carolyne Wright,** author of 10 poetry collections and 5 volumes of translations of Spanish and Bengali poetry. The title poem of her 2017 collection, *This Dream the World: New and Selected Poems* received the Pushcart Prize and was included in *The Best Poetry of 2009.* "Carolyne Wright's poems connect the personal and political and walk the difficult edge of poetic lyricism and social engagement," says poet Robert Cording. Followed by an open mic. *7–8:45 p.m., for meeting URL email cwPoetryCircle@gmail.com. Free.*

27 THURSDAY

★**"Big Hearted Stories: Generations": U-M Health System Big Hearts for Seniors Benefit.** An evening of storytelling by area professionals whose stories are informed by their experience. Featuring Allen Park–based writer and activist **Tuyishime Claire Gasamagera;** area psychologist and a self-described "misbehavior expert," **Margarita Gurri,** former Ferndale High art teacher **Jerry Lemenu;** and **Tyler Phillips,** a local writer whose work is influenced by his Alabama roots. *7 p.m., for URL preregister at bit.ly/bigheartedstories. Free, but donations welcome. 764–6831.*

★**"Maker Show and Tell": All Hands Active.** All invited to discuss current projects, what you'd like to be working on, and what you need help with. Listeners welcome. *8–10 p.m., for URL see MeetUp.com/AllHandsActive/events. Free, but donations encouraged. James@AllHandsActive.org.*

28 FRIDAY

★**"Virtual Collage Concert": Huron High School Music Department.** Prerecorded performances by Huron High students and ensembles from the band, choir, and orchestra programs. *7:30 p.m., for URL email krohnt@aaps.k12.mi.us. Free.*

Robert Jenkins: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. *May 28 & 29.* This Detroit comic and lawyer tells irreverent jokes with a disarming delivery. Preceded by 2 opening acts. Masks required, except when eating or drinking. *7:30 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.) and 9:30 p.m. (Sat. only), 212 S. Fourth Ave. Tickets $15 reserved seating in advance, $17 general admission at the door (capacity reduced). aaComedy.com, 996–9080.*

29 SATURDAY

Robert Jenkins: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 28 Friday. 7:30 & 9:30 p.m.

30 SUNDAY

★**"4th Annual Bløm 100-Mile Ride": Bløm Meadworks, Ann Arbor Velo Club, and Ann Arbor Running Co.** *May 30.* All invited to bike 50k, 100k, or 100 miles on mixed terrain. For details, see DrinkBlom.com/events/4th-100m-orchard-ride. *7:11 a.m. (100-mile), 9:11 a.m. (100k), and 10:11 a.m. (50k) start times, meet at Bløm Meadworks, 100 S. Fourth Ave. Free, but preregistration required at BikeReg.com/blom by May 28, 5 p.m. hello@DrinkBlom.com.*

★**"Flower Day": Ann Arbor Farmers Market/Sunday Artisan Market.** Show and sale of flowers and plants. *10 a.m.-4 p.m., Farmers Market, Kerrytown. Free admission. 794–6255.*

★**Book of the Month Club: Vault of Midnight.** All invited to discuss Spanish cartoonist Rayco Pulido's new graphic novel *Ghostwriter,* a thriller set in a city with a killer on the loose who's after married men. *2 p.m., for URL see VaultOfMidnight.com/events. Free. 998–1413.*

kids calendar

Every weekday (10 a.m.): **"Virtual Storytime": Ann Arbor District Library.** A different local storyteller reads a story TBA to kids ages 2–5. *Online at AADL.tv. Free. 327–4200.*

Every Mon. (11–11:30 a.m.): **"Baby Time": Ann Arbor District Library.** All infants through 2 year olds (accompanied by caregiver) invited to this program of songs, rhymes, movements, stories, and other activities. *Online at AADL.tv. Free. 327–4200.*

Every Wed. (1–3 p.m.) & Sun. (10 a.m.–noon): **"Rescue Reading": Humane Society of Huron Valley.** All ages 6–11 invited to read to adoptable animals. Also, a group read-aloud, and a talk on humane education. Masks required, social distancing enforced. *Humane Society, 3100 Cherry Hill. $10. Preregistration required at hshv.org. 661–3575.*

Every Thurs. (10:30–11:30 a.m.): **"Little Paws Storytime": Humane Society of Huron Valley.** Stories, crafts, finger plays, a tour of the adoptable cat area, and a dog meet and greet. For ages 2–5 (with caregiver); kids age 5 & up and adults must wear a mask. Social distancing enforced. *Humane Society, 3100 Cherry Hill. $5 per kid (babies 11 months & under, free), preregistration required. 661–3575.*

May 1 (11–11:30 a.m.): **"The Saturday Show": Ann Arbor District Library.** AADL staffers host a variety show for kids grades preK–5. This week's theme is **"Backwards Day!"** *Online at AADL.tv. Free. 327–4200.*

May 2 & 16 (2 p.m.): **"Kerry Tales with Mother Goose": Kerrytown Shops.** 5–10 minute long livestream program of rhymes, riddles, & stories with local storyteller Trudy Bulkley as Mother Goose. *Online at YouTube.com (search "Kerrytales by Mother Goose"). Free. Contact@Kerrytown.com.*

May 7 (5:30–9 p.m.): **"Pets and Pajamas Movie Night": Humane Society of Huron Valley.** All ages 5–11 invited to watch ***Finding Nemo,*** Andrew Stanton's 2003 animated adventure about a young fish who defies his father and finds adventure he didn't seek. Also, a chance to interact with adoptable pets. Pizza dinner. Wear pajamas and bring a sleeping bag, pillow. Social distancing enforced, masks required. *Humane Society, 3100 Cherry Hill. $35 (additional children, $15), preregistration required (capacity limited to 10 participants). 661–3575.*

May 8 (10 a.m. & 1 p.m.): **"Junior Naturalist: Vernal Pools": Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission.** WCPARC naturalist Elle Bogle leads a hike for kids ages 7–11 to explore the seasonal wetlands called vernal pools, using dip nets to sample mud and dark water. Wear waterproof boots that can get muddy. Program limited to 5 kids per section with one caregiver; no unregistered siblings. Masks required. *Independence Lake County Park, 3200 Jennings Rd., Whitmore Lake. Free, but preregistration required at ParksOnline.eWashtenaw.org (search Activity #831004). 971–6337.*

May 15 (10–11 a.m.): **"Preschool Hike: Explore the Forest Floor": Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission.** WCPARC naturalist Sean Severance leads a hike for kids ages 2–5 to learn about and collect many of the 6-legged, 8-legged, and no-legged critters that shred and decompose our woods. Program limited to 10 hikers; social distancing and masks required. *County Farm Park, 2230 Platt Rd. Free, but preregistration required for all age 2 & over at ParksOnline.eWashtenaw.org (search Activity #831003).* severances@washtenaw.org.

May 15 (10 & 11 a.m. and noon): **"Young Outdoor Explorers: Stream Search": Hudson Mills Metropark.** Ages 3–6 invited to explore the teeming life in a small stream using nets and magnifiers. Water shoes and masks required, and a towel and spare change of clothes recommended. *Park rapids view picnic area, 8801 North Territorial Rd., Dexter. $5 per kid; preregistration required by May 14, 4 p.m. 426–8211.*

May 22 (3:30 p.m.): **"Kids Virtual Open Mic": Oz's Music Environment.** All kids invited to join a Zoom gathering to sing songs, make music, tell jokes, and more. *For URL see bit.ly/ozkidsopenmic. Free. 662–8283.*

Memorials

CAROL JEAN MCLAUGHLIN

Our beloved sister, aunt, niece, and cousin passed away March 24 in Ypsilanti due to respiratory failure at the age of 72. She was born in Ann Arbor and named for her step-grandmother (Carol F Westerman) and aunt (Jean Gregg). Carol Jean was preceded in death by her parents, Miriam (Westerman) and Rowland McLaughlin. Carol graduated from Ann Arbor High School in 1966. She attended Michigan State University then worked as a buyer in Chicago, Detroit, Minneapolis, and New York for Dayton's, Hudson's, and Marshall Field's stores after graduation. She is survived by her brother Jim McLaughlin (Carol), Las Vegas, Nevada; sister Mary Ann O'Brien (Tom), Highland; three nieces: Heather Walker (Travis), Parish, Florida; Laura O'Brien, Highland; and Melissa McGinnis (Craig), White Lake; an uncle Ken Westerman (Cherry), Ann Arbor; and three cousins: Tim Gregg, Carmel, New York; Erica Westerman, Springdale, Arkansas; and Michael Westerman (Brittany), Bloomfield Hills. She was buried next to her parents in Forest Hill Cemetery, Ann Arbor. Carol loved animals, particularly horses. Donations in her memory may be made to Therapeutic Riding, Inc. at https://www.therapeuticridinginc.org/donate.

JEFFREY ROBINSON PARSONS

October 9, 1939–March 19, 2021

Jeffrey R. Parsons, Professor Emeritus of Anthropology, Curator Emeritus of Archaeology, and former Director of the Museum of Anthropological Archaeology, at the University of Michigan, passed away at the age of 81 on March 19, 2021, after a brief battle with complications from lung cancer. He is survived by his wife of many years, Mary Hrones Parsons, and his daughter, Apphia H. Parsons, as well as by his sister, Peggy P. Weed, and his brother, Jerome S. Parsons.

Jeff graduated from high school in Fairfax, VA, received his undergraduate degree from Penn State, his graduate degrees from the University of Michigan, and went on to teach at the University of Michigan for 40 years.

Jeff Parsons was a world-renowned archaeologist who, together with his wife, Mary, devoted much of their professional life to exploring the emergence of complex societies in Mesoamerica and the Andes over the roughly two-thousand-year period prior to European conquest and colonization.

Traditionally, archaeologists have been largely site-focused, attempting to explain the emergence and development of pre-Contact states and empires from the insights they gain by excavating major sites, often the capitols of the political systems they are studying. Parsons pioneered a new and complementary approach in archaeology, emphasizing a regional approach to studying ancient polities by means of detailed, large-scale surveys of entire regions. This approach showed us how major centers emerged, how they impacted politically, economically, and demographically, the smaller communities in the surrounding hinterland, and how they interacted with competing polities.

The regional survey methods, which Parsons first developed in the Valley of Mexico and later expanded to other regions in Mexico, then to the Andes in Peru, and even to Iceland, has had a major impact on the way archaeology is conducted today throughout Latin America, and beyond. His detailed regional site maps and records (now in the Bentley Historical Library at the University of Michigan) have taken on even greater importance in recent years as Mexico City and other modern urban centers have expanded on an unprecedented scale, obliterating much of the pre-Hispanic archaeological record in the process.

While his archaeological work was a hugely important piece of his life, Jeff was also interested in documenting more recent history, especially that connected with his family farm in South Paris, Maine, where he spent summers as a child and continued to visit throughout his life. Some of Jeff's lesser-known talents included his time as a champion chicken judge in the 4-H Club of Fairfax, Virginia; a keen interest in early Antarctic exploration; and a life-long interest in photography—both candid photographs of family and friends, as well as documenting the landscapes and surrounding small towns where he did his archaeological field work, The latter was the subject of his last book, Remembering Archaeological Fieldwork in Mexico and Peru, 1961-2003, a collection of photographs with short accompanying text, showing the non-technical side of his professional career. The University of Michigan Museum of Anthropological Archaeology has made this book available in an online form on its website. Jeff was always reading at least three books at a time, was a great story-teller, and loved home-made apple, blueberry, and sour cherry pies.

The outpouring of warmth and recognition that came almost instantly as word got out that Jeffrey Parsons had passed away is remarkable, and beautiful testimony to the impact, both professionally and personally, that he has had on so very many people across the globe.

Donations in Jeff's name may be sent to the Western Foothills Land Trust in Norway, Maine — www.wfltmaine.org

BARBARA SCHWALM GROEB

Barbara passed away peacefully at the age of 85 on Thursday, March 25, 2021 at St Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Barb was with her son, Fred, when she drew her last breath. She had fought valiantly against COPD for several years. Barb was born on June 1, 1935 in Deerfield, Michigan to Worthy and Edith Schwalm. She was raised with love on a farm with 5 other siblings. Barb attended Adrian College. In 1955, Barb married John Knight. Together they had 3 boys – Fred, Kevin and Chris. One of the greatest tragedies in her life was when Kevin died of spina bifida several weeks after being born. Barb and John raised Fred and Chris in South Carolina, Wisconsin, Tennessee, North Carolina and in Clinton, Michigan.

For most of her life, Barb was a stay-at-home mom doing a beautiful job raising her boys. She owned an antiques business where she would sell linens, furniture, dishes and other items at the Ann Arbor Antiques Market. As her family grew up, she worked as an office manager for two construction companies. Later in life, she worked in household goods at Hudson's Department Store in Ann Arbor. Being a fantastic cook, baker and homemaker made it very easy for her to sell household goods. Over the years, she won several sales awards and prizes at Hudson's. She was Employee of the Month several times, and Barb was named one of Hudson's Finest for being a Top 10 Salesperson in the whole store.

On January 8, 1992 Barb married the love of her life, Bob Groeb. They resided in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Barb and Bob had a very loving relationship. They genuinely enjoyed being with each other. Together they traveled to Germany and made lots of trips to Las Vegas. They loved to visit the casinos in Michigan. Barb and Bob would routinely start their day at either Benny's Bakery or Washtenaw Dairy visiting with close friends.

In 1998, Barb's mom passed away. A poem was written to honor Edith that included verses about the family. A verse about Barb read "Barb was friends with all she knew." And this could not be a truer statement. She always took a deep interest in everyone she got to know. As you had a conversation with Barb, she would listen intently as you discussed what was going on in your life. She would be delighted in everything good that was going on. She would be your biggest cheerleader. Barb could console you like no other when things were not going well. She would give you the best pep talks to help pick you up or help you believe in yourself. And the next time you met, no matter how long it had been, she would remember every detail of your life and continue to be one of your best friends.

Barb enjoyed the simple things in life. She had a great sense of humor. Her laugh made everyone feel good. Barb always had a smile on her face. She took much pride in being a homemaker. Barb always had beautiful gardens. She loved watching sports, especially Michigan Football and Michigan State Basketball. Barb relished in being a Grandma to 9 grandchildren and 4 great-grandkids. Her most important accomplishment was raising a beautiful family.

Barb was preceded in death by her parents—Worthy and Edith Schwalm; three brothers—Richard Schwalm, Harold Schwalm and Gary Schwalm; her sister Kay Halley; and her son Kevin Knight.

Barb is survived by her loving husband Bob; her sons Fred (Sally) Knight, and Chris (Toni) Knight; her stepsons Robbie (Michelle) Groeb, and Kevin (Gretchen) Groeb; her stepdaughter Rebecca Groeb; 9 grandchildren—Sarah (Tony) Loiselle, Keith (Tabitha) O'Brien, Joelle Groeb, Laura Knight, Sarah O'Brien, Kevin Knight, Elizabeth Knight, Emily Groeb and Nolan Groeb; and 4 great-grandkids—Lucy Loiselle, Amelia Loiselle, Bailey O'Brien and William O'Brien. She is also survived by her brother Daryl (Linda) Schwalm, as well as by several cousins, nieces and nephews with whom she was very close.

A Celebration of Barb's Life will be on Saturday, June 5. Details will be announced in May. Contributions in her memory can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

ANNE BRONSON SUNDQUIST

My beloved Anne - It is now coming upon the 3rd anniversary of your passing. Three long years of missing the best thing I had in my life. I so miss loving you and hearing "I love you" back. I have a huge hole in my heart that will never be filled again, until such time we are together and I am holding your hand. Until then my love, I yearn for the wonderful times we had together. Thank you, I will always love you. David

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NEW LSITING – THE ARBORETUM – This gorgeous 4-bedroom, 3 ½-bath home rests on a premium lot backing up to protected common area. You can walk to downtown Saline from this wonderful neighborhood. The home is dramatic and loaded with quality features. Highlights include two-story great room, cherry kitchen with granite and butcher block counters, flex-use home office/family room, grand primary bedroom with vaulted ceiling, great bath, 2 walk-in closets, and partially finished walkout basement. $599,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

STONEBRIDGE – This 3-bedroom, 3 ½-bath detached condo rest on one of the finest settings you will see. Enjoy panoramic pond views with the golf course in the distance from the screened porch and deck. The interior of this condo is wonderful. Highlights include great room with hardwood floors and fireplace, spacious kitchen with large eating space, nice first floor master suite with attached bath and walk-in closet, 2 bedrooms and a bath on the upper level, and finished lower level with view out window that includes two rec room area, a study, and full bath. $549,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

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NORTHBURY CONDO – Wonderful 3-bedroom, 2-bath condo walking distance to NCRC and many shops and restaurants. This condo complex features a great contemporary flair and gorgeous grounds throughout. The unit features a fantastic great room with tall ceilings and lots of natural light, remodeled kitchen with cherry cabinets and granite, first floor primary bedroom suite, two bedrooms and a full bath upstairs, and a partially finished lower level. $449,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

NEW LISTING – BUHR PARK AREA – Incredible 4-bedroom, 2-bath mid-century modern home in the heart of Ann Arbor. This location is incredible with many wonderful parks and amenities within walking distance. This home is just stunning! The highlight is an open concept floor plan with recently remodeled kitchen that includes white cabinets, stainless steel appliances, and granite counters. The home also includes a spacious family room, nice master bedroom, and fenced backyard with patio. $439,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

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NEW LISITNG – BOULDER RIDGE – Move-in ready 3-bedroom, 2 ½-bath colonial in one of Ann Arbor's most desired neighborhoods. This location is fantastic, walking distance to shops and restaurants, and a short drive to schools and UM campus. The home features fresh paint and new carpet throughout. Additional highlights include open concept kitchen, family room with fireplace, nice formal living and dining rooms, great master suite, and a partially finished basement. $394,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

ANN ARBOR CONDO – Very sharp 3-bedroom, 3-bath ranch condo in Walden Village. You will love this very convenient location on Ann Arbor's west side just minutes to shopping and UM Central campus. The unit has a great setting with views of Dicken Woods from your private patio. The interior features fresh paint and new flooring throughout. Features include large living room with lots of natural light, spacious kitchen, nice master suite with attached bath, 2 additional bedrooms, and a partially finished basement. $245,000. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP – This charming 4-bedroom, 1-bath Cape rests on a 1.9-acre wooded site just minutes to I-94. You will love this setting with many mature trees and a pole barn! The house is move-in condition and features a welcoming living room, large kitchen with eat-in area, and two main level bedrooms. The upper level includes two additional nice sized bedrooms. $219,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

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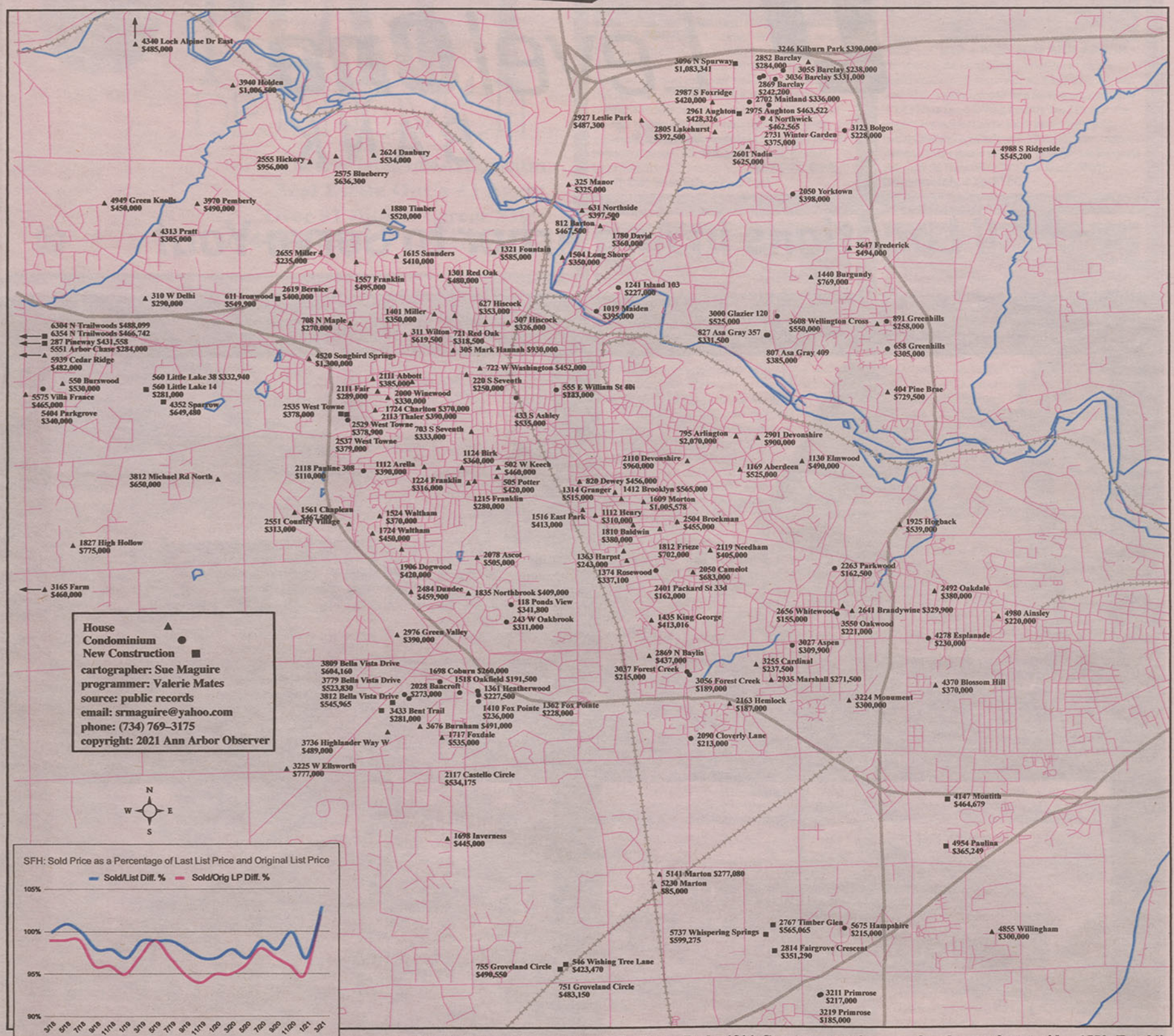

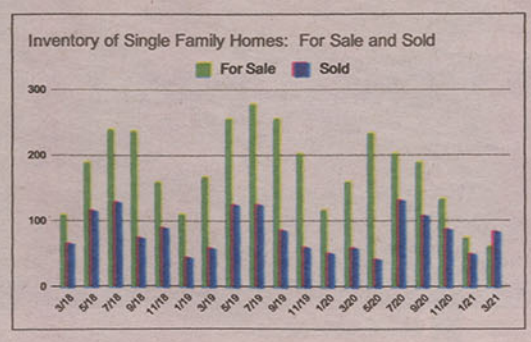

With inventory at record low levels, more homes in Ann Arbor are selling above their asking prices. In March, homes sold through the Ann Arbor Area Board of Realtors' Multi-Listing Service averaged 103 percent of their most recent listing price—the highest ratio in at least five years.

Our charts, using MLS data from Trend Graphix, shows average selling price as a percentage of the original (red) and final (blue) listing price from March 2018 through March 2021, and the number of homes listed and sold in the same period. On this month's map, ten of thirteen sales we sampled went for more than list price.

2110 Devonshire commanded a $55,000 premium. The 2,668-square-foot, five-bedroom, three-and-a-half bath in Ann Arbor Hills was listed at $905,000 and sold for $960,000. Two others gained $50,000: 2619 Bernice in the Hollywood Park area was listed at $350,000 but sold for $400,000. And after a couple of earlier offers fell through, a 2,092-square-foot fixer-upper at 1504 Longshore that was listed at $300,000 sold for $350,000.

In Burns Park, 1314 Granger went for $515,000—$45,000 more than the sellers had asked. The owners of 1374 Rosewood did almost as well: the 1,000-square-foot, three-bedroom, one-and-a-half bath home with no garage sold in two days for $337,100—$42,100 over the asking price. The last time the Rosewood home was sold, in 2011, it was on the market for two-and-a-half months before selling for $148,000—$11,000 *under* asking.

Near the Jackson-Dexter fork, 305 Mark Hannah, a 2,925-square-foot, four-bedroom, two-and-a-half bath "Expanded Colonial" sold for $930,000, or $31,000 over asking. (It last sold in 2015 for $380,000, but that was pre-expansion, when it had 1,443 square feet, three bedrooms, and one-and-a-half baths.) In Ann Arbor Woods, 2119 Needham, a 1,493-square-foot, four-bedroom, two-bath home with a two-car attached garage sold for $405,000—$20,000 over its asking price.

On the northwest side, 1550 Franklin sold for $15,100 over asking. And in Lower Burns Park, 1112 Henry sold for $310,000—$10,500 over asking.

In our sample, just three sellers settled for less than they'd hoped. In Burns Park, 1810 Baldwin sold for $19,900 less than its $399,900 list price. 708 N. Maple, a 1,344-square-foot, four-bedroom, one-and-a-half bath tri-level with no garage, sold for $20,000 under asking at $270,000. And though 1780 David Ct. appeared to have sold at list price, a $7,000 concession was granted to the buyer.

Condos also saw sale-to-list-price ratios rise, though not as dramatically. As of the end of March, their average sales price as a percentage of list price stood at 99 percent.

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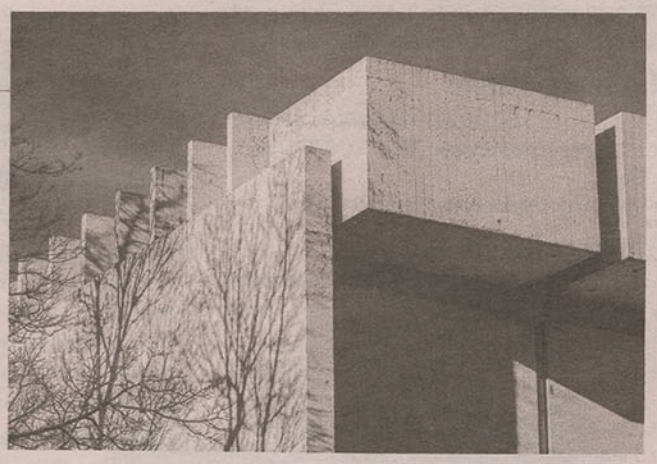

Holy Toaster

I spy the "building on the northeast corner of E. Huron and 4th," writes Bryan Magnuson. "At one time it had been a gas station," writes Dave Bicknell. "The old service station architecture … always catches my eye as I go by," shares Bob DeBona. It's the "former location of Rosey's Barber Shop," writes longtime reader, first-time entrant, Shawn Ricoy.

"The 'Rosey's' iconic sign," which can still be seen today, "was painted over the prior Gulf gas station sign," writes Louisa Griffes. Rosey's "was one of the last black-owned businesses in [that] area," she continues. According to the Ann Arbor District Library, the first blocks of N. Fourth and E. Ann were "a hub for Black-owned businesses in downtown Ann Arbor … for much of the twentieth century." Roosevelt "Rosey" Rowry worked in other barber shops in the area before opening his own in 1972. It closed "in November 2018 after [Rosey] passed away," writes Gabe Della Vecchia.

We received twenty-two entries in April. Our random drawing winner is John Zainea, who will enjoy his $25 gift certificate at Zingerman's.

To enter this month's contest, use the image and clue above and send your answer to the address below.

fake ad

by Jay Forstner

"The Fake Ad for April is at the top of page 38, 'Arborville Restaurant,'" wrote the always-informative Andrew Yagle, one of 172 clever Fake Adders who spotted the ad. "Last month's winner's name, 'Silberholz,' was hidden in 'the silver wood of the Old German.' Not to mention Sampson Park. That ad brought out some memories. My Dad loved the Old German, and I had several childhood birthdays at Bimbos (loved the peanuts and pizza, not the beer—I was too young for it)." Sampson Park stood in for Burns Park in many of Alfred Slote's beloved young adult novels set in a semi-fictional Arborville.

Several of the entries were in German; all were brilliant, in a Teutonic way.

Our winner was Martha Friedlander, the Fake Ad Czar's high school freshman biology teacher. While it's tempting to say she taught the Czar all he knows about biology, her husband also taught the Czar in high school. And the Czar took biology in college. And the Czar had a brief dalliance with his college professor's daughter. So let's just say that between them, they taught the Czar all he knows about biology.

Friedlander is taking her gift certificate to the Common Grill.

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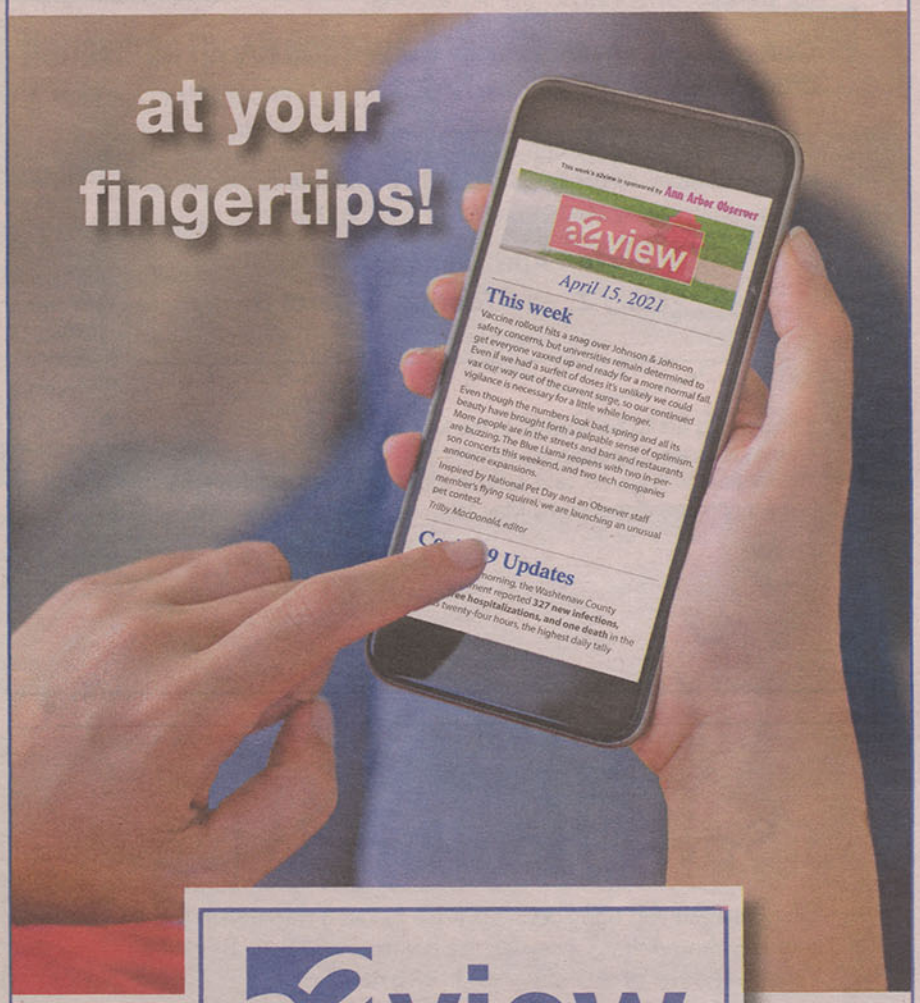
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Even though the numbers look bad, spring and all its beauty have brought forth a palpable sense of optimism. More people are in the streets and bars and restaurants are buzzing. The Blue Llamas reopens with two in-person concerts this weekend, and two tech companies announce expansions.
Inspired by National Pet Day and an Observer staff member's flying squirrel, we are launching an unusual pet contest.
Trilby MacDonald, editor
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All events are virtual unless otherwise noted.

Concert Music

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- "Saturday Slam!/Open Mic!" (NCC), every Sat.
- Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra, May 1

Vernacular Music

pop, rock, jazz, & traditional

- Luke Winslow-King (pre-WWII pop), May 2
- Keb' Mo' (blues), May 5 & 6
- Dustbowl Revival (bluegrass & swing), May 6 & 13
- The Accidentals (pop-folk trio), May 9
- Peter Madcat Ruth & the C.A.R.Ma. Quartet (blues), May 11
- Brazilian mandolinist Danilo Brito, May 23
- *In person:* Mike Gavin & Family (Celtic), May 15
- Sarah Jarosz (bluegrass), May 16

Theater, Opera, & Dance

- *Ties That Bind: A Trio of One-Acts* (EMU), Apr. 30 and May 1 & 2
- *Peter and the Starcatchers* (PTG), May 7–9
- *Working* (CET), May 8
- *The Motherf**ker with the Hat* (Rude Mechanicals), May 14–16
- *Piggsville* (Purple Rose), May 15
- *Annie Jr.* (Huron High Players), May 20–23
- Play reading TBA (Penny Seats), May 21

Comedy, Storytelling, & Performance Art

- *In person:* "The Funny Four Team," Apr. 30 & May 1
- Michigan Radio StorySLAM, May 3
- *In-person:* comic Connie Ettinger, May 7 & 8
- Storyteller Paul Strickland, May 9
- *In person:* comic Josh Adams, May 14 & 15
- *In person:* comic Ben Moore, May 21 & 22
- *In person:* comic Robert Jenkins, May 28 & 29

Festivals, Fairs, & Shows

- "Bloom Fest," May 15

Lectures, Readings, & Forums

- Cherokee writer Traci Sorell, May 3
- Poet Zilka Joseph, May 5
- Writer Gina Hamadey, May 7
- Bassist Robert Hurst, May 13
- "Unearthing Tulsa: 100 Years Later," May 17
- Poet Carolyn Wright, May 26
- "Big Hearted Stories: Generations," May 27

Family & Kids Stuff

*See **Kids 12 & Under**, p. 56, for most kids events.*

- "Planetarium From Home," every Thurs.
- Movie trivia night, every Fri.
- *In person:* Water World adventure, May 12 & 15

Miscellaneous

- 43rd Annual Burns Park Run, May 2
- "Flores Exhibit" community conversation, May 6
- *In person:* migratory bird count, May 8
- *In person:* 100-mile ride, May 30

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- Retro Tech Meetup, May 19

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